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Mercy Hospital opens new emergency department

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Doctors and nurses began seeing patients in Mercy Hospital Grayling's new emergency department on Wednesday.

The Brasza-Pinch Family Emergency Department was opened on Wednesday, just 10 months after contractors began construction on the hospital addition.

The \$6.3 million structure is the first expansion completed at the hospital since 1978.

The hospital was able to move forward with the upgrades thanks to \$2.3 million in gifts and donations from businesses, individuals and foundations, including \$700,000 from Marie E. Brasza-Pinch and her husband, Gerald H. Pinch Jr., who own the Riviera Resort on Houghton Lake.

"Without the generosity from the community, we certainly would not be celebrating this milestone today," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, the CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling at an open house held to allow the public to tour the new emergency department on Monday.

Marie Brasza-Pinch, whose family operated a downstate tool and die firm and are longtime benefactors of Michigan hospitals, was ecstatic as she toured the new hospital addition with dozens of area residents on Monday.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Brasza-Pinch Family Emergency Department was opened at Mercy Hospital Grayling on Wednesday, just 10 months after contractors began construction on the hospital addition. Above, Kathy Sypien, an emergency room nurse, gave tours of the trauma rooms in the emergency room during an open house for the public held on Monday.

Extension staff focuses on youth, health care issues

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The staff at the Crawford County Michigan State University (MSU) Extension plans to target the development of programs for youth and adults dealing with health care issues in the region.

Earlier this month, Zachary Timmons assumed a position in the Crawford County MSU Extension office that will be focused on kick starting 4-H and community clubs for youngsters in the county.

Linda Cronk, the director of the Crawford County MSU Extension, said Timmons will collect information on clubs youth would like to join, recruit adult volunteers to lead the clubs and do the legwork to help the volunteers and clubs maintain their momentum. The position is being funded by the federal Volunteers In Service to American (Vista) program.

"We know there are people in the community who want to lead a club activity, but we are finding that it is difficult to find volunteers and to create those opportunities for youth with today's busy lifestyle," Cronk said. "We are trying to take some of that burden off of those potential volunteers with this

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Grayling grad creates Neopets for youngsters

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling High School graduate is using her creative abilities to fascinate youth at the breakfast table and on the worldwide web.

Gretchen Goeckerman, a 1999 graduate from Grayling High School, has been working for the last two years as a graphic designer for Neopets, Inc.

Neopets is a virtual online game for kids. Youth can create their own Neopets characters or use the existing figures to play games to earn points for contests and activities on the website.

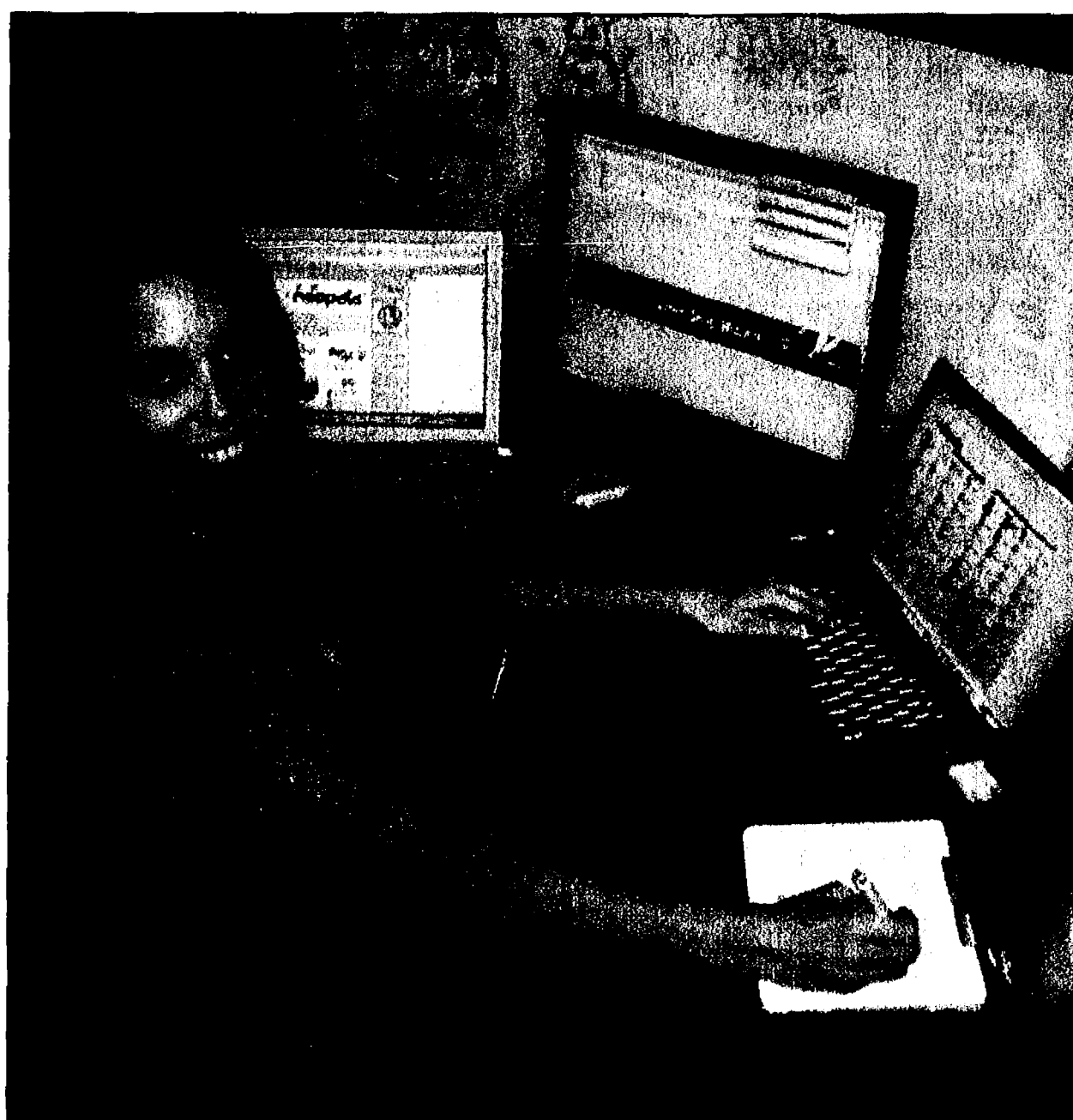
Goeckerman said she was not familiar with the children's characters before landing the job with Neopets, Inc., a company owned by Viacom, a media conglomerate which also owns the MTV networks.

Goeckerman, however, said she does play the Neopets games while familiarizing herself with the characters and animation in the games before taking on a new project.

"It's nice because it is not frowned upon to play games while you're working and it's a

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City's parks and recreation committee revamped

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials have revamped its parks and recreation committee in hopes of getting more input on recreational options from the community.

The Grayling City Council, at its Jan. 29 regular meeting, amended the city policy governing the city's parks and recreation committee.

First, the parks and recreation committee was expanded from having five to seven members. Four of the seven members on the committee must live within the city limits, said Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

City officials would also like to recruit a Grayling High School student and a senior citizen to be involved with the committee.

"They can give us a broad perspective and input on what they would like to see done in the parks and what recreational options they would like in the community," said Kim McClain, a city council member who is the liaison to the parks and recreation committee.

The parks and recreation committee will also be required to meet eight times a year rather

than just twice a year.

"We want the committee to be more involved and to make recommendations on what needs to be done, so in order to do that, they need to meet more often," Thayer said.

Finally, the parks and recreation committee will be allowed to approve contracts and purchase items as long as the expenditures are included in the city budget. Previously, the committee would interview vendors or make recommendations on equipment and furnishings for the city parks, but the city council had the final say on spending the money.

"It's really important for a committee to feel like they are accomplishing something, and they need to be involved in the finite decisions including the management and expenditure of funds," Thayer said.

Thayer also advised city officials that the parks and recreation committee must comply with the state's Open Meetings Act. In September, 2004, the city council discussed dissolving the parks and recreation committee since the panel did not provide

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"I think this emergency department will be a true reflection of the people that work here," Brasza-Pinch said. "The need was seen, and we're investing in people."

"I hope I never have to use it, but if I do, I know I will be well cared for," Brasza-Pinch added.

The hospital expansion provides 17 emergency room beds for patient care, up from eight beds used in the facility.

A receiving area is located at the entrance of the facility, where staff will determine patient needs. The area, where families can stay, include a separate playroom for children.

A centralized station for doctors and nurses in the emergency room includes the latest technology used in hospitals, including a large computer screen that will allow staff to track the status of the patients.

Nurses will be able to admit patients in the privacy of the patient rooms.

"They'll be able to come to the bedside and register the patients right there with their family," said Jan Williamson, the director of quality management for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

There are separate entrances in the emergency room for ambulances and walk-in patients.

"It really is difficult to work in a space where you have walk-in patients and ambulances coming

in at the same time, so this will relieve some of that congestion," Williamson said.

The new addition includes two trauma rooms, where doctors and nurses will be able to efficiently do emergency procedures."

"It's going to be like working in a big city, but when you walk outside, it will be the same small town, Grayling," and Kathy Sypien, an emergency room nurse.

The new emergency room includes isolation rooms for people with contagious diseases.

A room for people with psychiatric problems allows staff to close off equipment so that patients will not harm themselves. Another room near the entrance of the department is for victims of sexual assault and abuse, where the patient can be counseled and cared for in privacy.

The former emergency room space will be used by the radiology department at the hospital.

"They're kind of cramped, so they're anxious to get going on the next phase of the hospital's expansion," Williamson said.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Mitchell Kranig, 1, checks out the toys in the children's playroom that is in the receiving and waiting room area in the new emergency department. Kranig is the son of Brad Kranig, the construction superintendent for The Christman Company, which completed the hospital expansion.

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Vista worker and make it more flexible for everyone to be involved."

A second Vista position, which is held by Brie Blaauw, also recently began in the MSU Extension office to help facilitate peer mentoring and service learning opportunities between Grayling High School and Grayling Middle School students.

High school students will be matched with middle school students, who will do activities with one another as well as take part in doing volunteer projects for the community.

The Crawford County MSU Extension is also seeking to continue to recruit adult mentors for youth. The mentors do activities with the youngsters for one hour per week, and also attend a group activity with other mentors and youth once a month. Kristen Lagerquist is the 4-H Americorp mentorship coordinator for the Crawford County MSU Extension.

"We've done all kinds of outreach to recruit mentors, but it's really hard to nail people down to do this," Cronk said "We try to customize mentor relationship

to what the child's needs are and what adults are interested in."

The MSU Extension has also forged a partnership with Mercy Hospital Grayling, and will be developing a support program for people with congestive heart failure in Crawford, Roscommon and Oscoda Counties. The MSU Extension staff will provide information on lifestyle changes and diet to the patient. Mercy Hospital will provide the opportunity for the daily access to doctors and nurses through telemedicine check-ups via a laptop computer. Nurses will also be making home visits to the patients.

The program is being supported by a \$563,000 grant from Trinity Health, the health care system that owns Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"The idea to improve a higher quality of life and better health by reducing emergency room visits and admissions to the hospital for people with chronic health conditions," Cronk said. "We want to help these people manage their conditions in the confines of their homes instead of at the hospital."

The MSU Extension office

has also partnered with Mercy Hospital Grayling to provide nutritional and parenting education to women in at-risk pregnancies.

The Crawford County MSU Extension will continue to provide classes for spouses and children of people with dementia and Alzheimer's Disease through Crawford County Commission on Aging.

"It's about taking better care of yourself so you can do that job of taking better care of your loved one," Cronk said.

Finally, Melissa Piehl, the building strong families coordinator for the Crawford County MSU Extension Office, has been doing home visits to help parents establish activities and obtain resources to help their children be prepared for school. The Crawford County MSU Extension office received \$18,000 from the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon (COOR) Intermediate School District for the early childhood education.

"We're seeing people with a better understanding about child development and the ISD is really excited about our capacity to offer this support," Cronk said.

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minutes from its meetings to Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier.

The city council, however,

opted to let the committee stay active as an advisory panel for the city.

Now that the parks and recreation committee will be allowed

to plan and spend funds, the board must post its meetings under the Open Meetings Act and supply minutes to Moshier and the city council, Thayer said.

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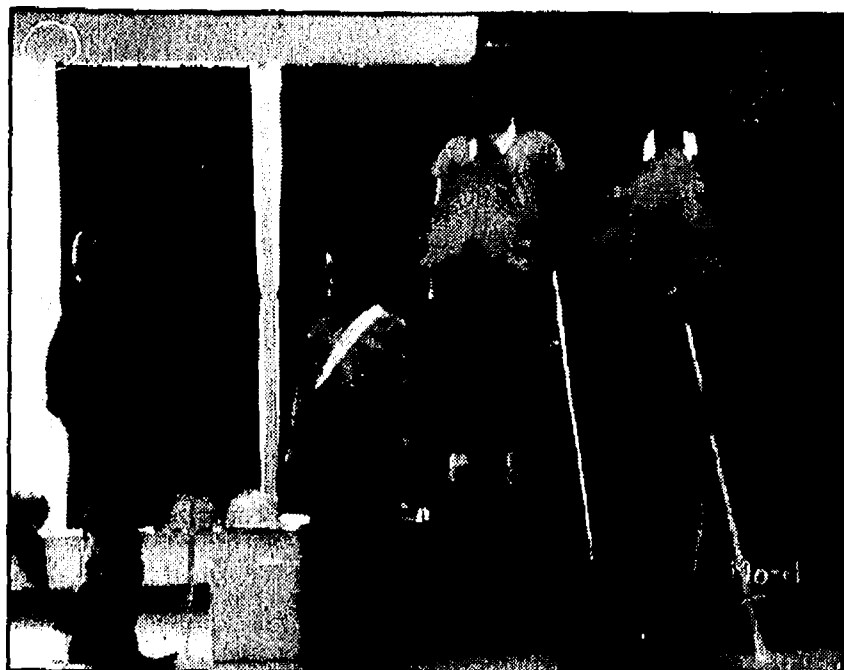
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Plays portray Crawford County history



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The third grade classes at the Grayling Elementary School, who have been working with the Acting Up Theatre Company, held their annual play last week as they acted out significant moments in Crawford County History. The students recreated the days of the area lumber barons, as well as the establishment of the Hartwick Pines State Park, Mercy Hospital Grayling and the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The students also did a play giving their audience a look at what Grayling might be like in the future. Above left, students from Laurie Canfield's class do their play on how Hartwick Pines became a northern Michigan recreational area. Above right, students from Jane Urban's class played the roles of some of the first doctors who treated patients at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Grayling grad creates Neopets for youngsters

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very friendly environment to work in," she said.

Goeckerman designs banners for the Neopets website to entice youngsters to play the games. There are also Neopets comic books and trading cards.

One of Goeckerman's latest projects includes designing a cereal box distributed by General Mills called Neopets Island Berry Crunch.

"We wanted to have as much art on the box as possible," Goeckerman said. "It was definitely a lot fun to work on because my art is out there for people to see - plus it's not a bad cereal."

Goeckerman said her involvement with Neopets allows her to "buddy up" with children.

"I can get my foot in the door

with a lot of kids, so that is nice," she said.

Goeckerman initially planned on designing houses when she enrolled in Lawrence Technical University in Southfield. She opted to change courses and pursue a career in graphic and interior design after taking her initial classes in architecture design.

"I decided that I did not want to have to deal with all the rules and regulations involved in architecture, and there were just too many restrictions," Goeckerman said.

Goeckerman is the daughter of Kathy Barnum of Grayling and Neil Goeckerman.

Barnum said it was a family affair to send Gretchen to college, and she is pleased that she is in the position where she has unlimited ability to express her

creativity.

"I always taught my children that the possibilities were endless and to go for the gold," Barnum said. "Gretchen will never forget her roots or where she came from."

Goeckerman lives and works in an apartment in San Diego with her fiancée, Jason Ritter-Lopatowski, who is currently enrolled in a master's degree pro-

gram for architecture and building sciences at the University of Southern California. The couple plans to return to Michigan for their wedding next year.

Eventually, Goeckerman said she will pursue other jobs and projects, which will allow her to broaden her experiences.

"I want to get my toes into different aspects in the design field," she said.



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Four pounds of pot seized during raids

Police seized four pounds of marijuana from two Grayling Township homes on Monday.

Detectives from the Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING), troopers from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police and deputies from the Crawford County Sheriff's Department executed two drug search warrants simultaneously in Crawford County on Monday afternoon, Crawford County

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said.

The search warrants were a result of an ongoing multi-jurisdictional investigation.

Police seized over four pounds of marijuana, approximately \$2,200 in cash and drug related items during the raids.

Arrest warrants are being sought for the individuals involved. Names are not being released by police due to the ongoing nature of the investigation.



Police seized over four pounds of marijuana, approximately \$2,200 in cash and drug related items during the raids on two homes located in Grayling Township on Monday.

United Way's free discount prescription card a big hit

Crawford County United Way Director, Linda Williams, has reported that the response to the recent dispersal of 5,000 prescription discount cards sponsored by Agelity has been tremendous.

The cards are free to any person not having any prescription coverage and discounts eight out of 10 prescriptions by an actual 20 to 30 percent.

All area pharmacies except the cards including larger pharma-

cies such as Walmart, Walgreens and Rite Aid.

Cards are available at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce office and the Crawford County Avalanche office in Grayling.

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Don't put your baby to bed with a bottle

Prolonged exposure to fluid can cause tooth loss

February is National Children's Dental Health Month and a good time to remind parents to avoid putting babies and toddlers to bed with a bottle. This is the best choice parents can make to ensure a lifetime of good dental health.

When young children are exposed to sugary fluids such as milk, formula, and juice over a prolonged period of time, they can develop baby bottle tooth decay (BBTD). BBTD is a serious condition caused when sugary fluids pool around children's teeth and become a breeding ground for bacteria. Acid produced by bacteria attacks tooth enamel and causes decay after repeated attacks. Long time exposure leads to severe toothaches, abscessed teeth or tooth loss. This can make it difficult for young children to learn to eat properly, and can also cause dental problems in permanent teeth.

"Research shows that tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease and can increase the risk of decay in erupting teeth," says Jed J. Jacobson, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H., vice president, professional services, and dental director at the affiliated Delta Dental Plans of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. "By caring for a child's baby, or primary teeth, you are helping their overall oral growth and development."

Dr. Jacobson offers additional tips for preventing BBTD:

Encourage your child to drink from a cup. Begin offering fluids in a cup to children at age six months and have babies off bottles by the age of one year.

If necessary, give children alternatives to bottles at naptime. If a child must have a bottle to fall asleep, fill it with water rather than sugary liquids or provide a clean pacifier.

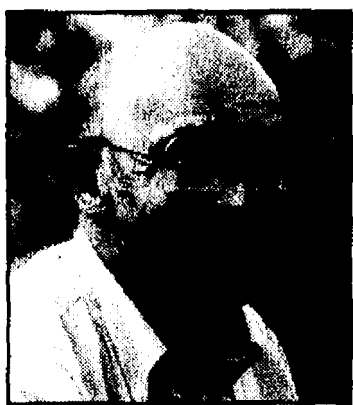
Never give children a bottle filled with a soft drink. Exposing children to soft drinks, which are filled with refined sugar, sets them up for dental decay and chronic health problems like diabetes.

Clean your baby's gum and tooth area. Use a soft washcloth at least once a day after the appearance of the first tooth to help wash away sugary fluids.

Visit the dentist early. According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a child's first dental visit should take place when the first tooth appears or by the child's first birthday.

"Children need healthy teeth for chewing, speaking clearly, developing self-esteem and spacing for their permanent teeth," says Dr. Jacobson. "By following these tips, parents can help start their children on a lifetime of good oral health."

OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Governor's tax ideas are only a start

GOV. JENNIFER GRANHOLM has dropped the first shoe.

Amid much fanfare, and more than a little trepidation, the governor's tax and budget program for the next couple of years is out in the open, calling for new taxes, higher taxes, lower taxes, tax repeal, tax changes and spending cuts.

Now it's fair game for legislators and lobbyists to dice and slice, and it's up to the legislature to do something about it.

The Granholm program is the most comprehensive approach to fiscal solvency for Michigan state government put forward probably during the last decade. It's a sure bet all elements will not make it into law as submitted, but that's part of the process. State lawmakers will drop the other shoe.

Here are the main elements:

* A two percent tax on some personal and business services.

* New business taxes based on business assets, revenues and profits, replacing the repealed single business tax (SBT).

* A nickel-a-pack cigaret tax

hike, and higher liquor taxes; beer and wine are left alone.

* In new car purchases, sales tax assessed on the net cost after trade-in, rather than on the larger price of the new car.

* Reinstate inheritance tax on individual estates above \$2 million value.

* Tax credits for companies headquartered in Michigan, but higher taxes on out of state companies.

Total business tax load, the governor claims, would be lower than at present, and keep Michigan business taxes lower than many states.

WHEW! THAT'S quite a list of tax changes in one fell swoop.

But even so, if all the Granholm changes would make it into law as proposed, balancing the proposed budget for the next fiscal year will require another \$400 million cut in state expenditures. Ms. Granholm is eyeing the corrections department as a starting point for spending reform.

Prison costs have skyrocketed in the last 20 years or so, and now

gobble up as much money from the state's general fund as education. Two changes can stem prison costs: Reduce the number of people sent to prison, increase the number of prisoners released. Neither step may be popular.

"We have to do cuts, we have to do restructuring, and we have to do revenues," Ms. Granholm said. "It can't be all cuts, can't be all revenues. We have to do all three."

The Republican legislative approach apparently will start with cuts.

"Before we consider the governor's proposed new taxes, there must be a serious focus on restructuring government to find revenue savings," said Senate Republican Leader Mike Bishop. "We must determine what government services are essential for the safety and well-being of Michigan citizens, then we determine the revenue necessary for those services."

For Michigan, that's a rare but wise approach to governing.

Only modest increases in education spending are included in the Granholm budget. It's a sign

of our times, I suppose, that extensive tax changes are necessary to provide \$178 more per student in local education and a 2.5 percent hike in college funding, and to guarantee that state support for police, fire and other local public services at best will be maintained. Meanwhile, costs at all these units far exceed state support.

LEFT OUT - A couple items left out of the governor's plan are as interesting as what's in the package.

While "sin tax" increases hit cigarettes and liquor, beer is spared, although the beer tax has stayed at two cents a bottle for 40 years. How come?

While state sales tax is 6 percent on most items (excluding food, medicines and a handful of other essentials), why extend the sales tax on services at only 2 percent?

The new service tax would cover services such as professional fees (attorneys, accountants, tax preparation, political and public relations consulting, etc.), haircuts and styling, profes-

sional sports and entertainment tickets, and other items. Excluded would be such items as advertising, medical services, high school and college sports tickets.

The service tax is expected to raise about \$1.5 billion per year, with about two-thirds of that coming from business transactions. If the services tax is collected starting June 1, it would produce about \$575 million in the fiscal year ending September 30, and fill most of the expected deficit for the present fiscal year.

TIMID APPROACH - Although more aggressive than earlier proposals by Gov. Granholm, her 2007 tax program to me seems quite timid.

Why did she propose only \$1.5 million in the service tax, at 2 percent? That's only a patch on the quilt. Why not extend the 6 percent sales tax across the board, or at least 4 percent? Certainly dealing with the legislature will demand compromise, and with such a tightly fit balance, at 2 per cent the governor has little room to maneuver.

And why not tap beer drinkers, too? Hardly any true beer drinker would pause at paying a couple pennies more a bottle. Will this be part of the legislative bargaining?

The governor already is absorbing the wrath of the public for suggesting any tax increases, no matter whether disguised as reform and replacements. She may as well have asked for enough, and not just another patch. The public outcry would be no worse.

Gov. Granholm sees her plan as a permanent cure for what ails Michigan finances. I doubt it. The fundamental state government tax-and-spend structure still is out of whack, but if adopted as proposed, the Granholm plan should survive for a few more years at least, until it becomes another governor's problem to tackle major repair.

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VIEWPOINT

By Sen. Tony Stamas, 36th Senate District

Be an informed consumer

According to the Federal Trade Commission, nearly 25 million Americans - more than 11 percent of the adult population - are victims of consumer fraud each year. Senior citizens are especially vulnerable to being victimized. In fact, according to the U.S. Postal Service, 60 percent of the victims of prize or sweepstakes fraud are age 60 or older. Yet the growing problem of fraud, including newer crimes like identity theft, spam scams and Internet phishing, puts everyone at risk.

The Michigan Legislature has passed strong consumer protections against identity theft and spam. Even with tough laws in place, being an informed consumer is the best protection against fraud and deception. That's the idea behind National Consumer Protection Week, held February 4-10 this year. The theme - Read Up and Reach Out: Be an Informed Consumer - encourages people to gather and share information in the fight against fraud.

There is a lot of good consumer information available that can help you safeguard your family's financial security. Some practical tips include:

If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

Don't be pressured into making an immediate decision, whether entering a contest, making a purchase or giving a donation.

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EDITOR

Fan of Grayling trails will not return for a very long time

To the editor,

Several friends, family members and I recently visited Grayling for a snowmobile trip. We have all been to Grayling before for riding and had a great time on your tremendous trails. This trip was a different one however.

The weekend started out great, the trails were decent and the traffic was minimal. On January 27 at approximately 7 p.m. we rode into town and stopped by the Speedway gas station for fuel, refreshments and some direction to the north trail out of town. The cashier at the counter wasn't sure on how to direct us, so we asked a local citizen at the pumps. The nice gentleman told us that if we went directly behind the Speedway gas station, aim north we will follow the tracks about a mile and be able to jump on the trail leading us toward Gaylord.

We did just that, but once we

got behind the speedway, we noticed a fence keeping us from crossing the tracks to get us to the trail on the west side. There was a great snowmobile path beaten down, so we just followed the tracks, like the gentleman said in hopes to hit the trails just ahead.

When we reached the end of the fence we saw the trail and took off only to find two sheriff sleds with their lights on wanting us to stop. We did that thinking that this would be a routine stop just to check our credentials and if we had been drinking.

The officers told us that we were on railroad property and that we would be ticketed for operating on a railroad right of way. We were never asked about drinking (which we weren't anyway) we were amazed. We told the officers our story about the gas station, the fence preventing us from crossing over, the lack of "no snowmobiles" signs and the

fact that we weren't from the area, and had no idea this was such a large upset to the law.

The officers wanted no excuses and preceded to write us a citation. I understand completely that it is the riders responsibility to know, understand, and abide by the laws of the state and local authority, but in my mind this was a little ridiculous.

At no time did we come within 10 feet of the railroad tracks and at no time did we destroy any property or mistreat our riding privilege.

I recently looked up the law about riding on RR right of way and all the Michigan law states is that you cannot operate on the actual tracks, RR bridges or the RR banks. I personally could not find an exact distance you have to be from the tracks.

During our experience of being pulled over, we noticed several other sleds coming out from the same point we did.

Obviously there are a lot of snowmobilers out there with the same misunderstanding of RR right of ways, thus being the main reason for my letter.

The secondary reason for my letter is that maybe someone could explain to me how a town such as Grayling, one that craves the snowmobile business, could allow officers to write citations to harmless riders and chase us off.

There are a lot of dangerous people on the trails, such as drunk drivers, and I would say in my opinion that the hour it took the officers to write us up, they very well could have been patrolling the trails for the true dangerous criminals.

I am a huge fan of Grayling trails, but I would say that it will be a very long time before my friends, family and I return to Grayling for the riding experience.

Robert Ketola
Clinton

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items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

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Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BRIEFS

COA to host speaker

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, will hold a dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 5 p.m., followed by a presentation from The Brook Retirement Center with information on two new programs available at the Brook. Cost of the meal is a suggested donation of \$2 for seniors 60+ or \$4 for those under 60. For information or transportation call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

Out to lunch gang to go to lodge

On Feb. 22, the senior center, 308 Lawndale, Out to Lunch gang will be going to the Flying Fish Lodge on the AuSable River for lunch, followed by going to Steven's for ice cream. The cost for the trip is \$7 which includes lunch. The bus will leave the center at 11 a.m. For information, transportation, or reservations call Elouise Mize at 348-7123.

VFW service officer to meet with veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, Feb. 16, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. to interview claimants about VA benefits. Call 989-731-7575 for an appointment.

Church to show feature film

The Bear Lake Christian Church, M-72 W. between Grayling and Kalkaska, will present three public showings of "Facing the Giants." The movie will show on Friday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. The movie presents a heart-warming story of how people can overcome seemingly insurmountable odds through faith and trust in God. There is no cost for the movie.

Republican committee to meet

The Crawford County Republican Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m., at the River House Courthouse, Grayling. Plans for the Lincoln Day Dinner will be discussed.

Church to hold pancake supper

St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West, Grayling, will hold its Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Free will donations will be taken. Proceeds go to the church's ministries.

Pneumonia vaccine available

The Pneumonia vaccine is available at the local health department for those 65 and over. Medicaid and Medicare can be billed. Call 348-7800 for appointments.

Support group for females will be held

A 12-week support group for female survivors of sexual violence will begin on March 6, instead of March 2, at the River House Shelter, Grayling. If interested call Kriss at 348-3169 or 888-554-3169.

People to People to host child care service

The People to People Student Ambassadors will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day baby sitting service on Friday, Feb. 16, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., at the AuSable Primary School gym. Cost will be \$35 for families with up to three children or \$17 per child. Children need to be age 2 and older. Adult supervision with CPR and first aid certification on site. Games, activities, pizza, drinks and snacks provided.

Church to start Lenten season services

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, invites friends and neighbors to begin the Lenten season on Feb. 21 with Ash Wednesday services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

TEFAP food distribution to be held

TEFAP, food distribution will be held on Feb. 20 at the American Legion from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the Auxiliary of the VFW Post 3736 and other volunteers. Bring your Bridge Card, Medicaid card or proof of income. Please bring someone to help you carry your orders.

Eagles to host breakfast

The Grayling Eagles will host an all-you-can-eat breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 8 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$5 per person.

Grant money available

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) Tobacco Grant application deadline is March 31. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for projects and programs relating to smoking cessation or prevention for youth under the ages of 18 and senior citizens in Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties. Applicants can contact the NCMCF office at 877-354-6881 or www.ncmcf.org.

Matrix to feature christian artists

The Matrix, will host a Can't Get Away Tour, Saturday, Feb. 17. Featuring christian artists Emberlight, Nineball, and Pilot for Kite. Doors open at 5 p.m., cost is \$5. The Matrix is located at 6441 W. Pine Point Rd., on the backside of Route 72 Autowash. Call 989-348-2025 or 989-390-3513 for information.

Youth baseball clinic scheduled for Feb. 24

The Grayling High School baseball program will be offering a baseball clinic on hitting, fielding, and pitching on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for young people ages 9-12.

Lunch will be provided. Registration forms are available at the offices of Grayling schools. The fee for the clinic is \$20 per participant. If there is more than one participant per family, the second participant

can attend for \$10.

Completed registration forms can be dropped off at Sylvester's in Grayling, Grayling High School, or mailed to John Schneider, 3826 Jones Lake Rd., Grayling, MI, 49738.

The hitting clinic that was scheduled for Feb. 10 will now be held on Feb. 24.

If you have any questions about the clinic contact Coach John Schneider at 348-4366 or Coach Rob Aubry at 348-6044.

KCC officials remind to apply for financial aid

February is "Financial Aid Awareness Month." For parents of college-bound students, that means this is a good time to investigate the many financial assistance programs that are available.

There's no need to be intimidated by the prospect of applying for financial aid as millions of families do it successfully each year. According to the College Board, a non-profit association of more than 4,500 institutions of higher learning, more than half the students currently enrolled nationwide in college receive some sort of financial aid to help pay for college.

Financial aid could make a difference in a student's life. It may be the difference between being able to continue an education or not. Or it could mean being able to attend the school of choice despite higher tuition costs.

The goal of financial aid programs is to reduce or eliminate the economic barriers that prevent a student from fulfilling educational plans. Financial aid covers the education costs that a family can't pay for.

Most financial aid is awarded to students on the basis of eligibility or need. If a family is unable to contribute the entire cost of an education, financial aid is available to help bridge the gap.

Though the price of college may cause concern among some families, the costs associated with not going to college may be much greater. According to the U.S. Census Bureau statistics, those with a bachelor's degree or higher can expect to earn \$1 million more over their lifetime than those with a high school diploma.

How to apply for aid
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the first financial-aid application form needed to apply for federal student aid. The U.S. Department of Education uses the information on the FAFSA to determine eligibility for aid from federal student financial assistance programs. Many schools and states rely solely on this information. For the most part, colleges give preference to those who apply by their priority deadline - usually sometime in February or March.

What you'll need to complete the FAFSA

The FAFSA comes in two versions - paper and electronic. The paper version is available from high school counselors or the financial aid office of a local college. A paper application can also be obtained by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (433-3243).

The FAFSA can also be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Filing the FAFSA online can reduce processing time by one to two weeks. The data is checked before it is transmitted to the processing center, thereby reducing the chance of error.

Filling out the tax return first will make completing the FAFSA easier. However, you do not need to submit the return to the IRS before the FAFSA is submitted. Estimated income can be used and updated later when the actual tax return is filed.

What happens after applying for aid?

Once the FAFSA is submitted it goes to a large processing center that handles the nine million requests for aid received each year. Either an e-mail or a paper form from the Department of Education's Central Processing System will be generated within a few days to a few weeks of submitting the FAFSA. The form,

which is called the Student Aid Report, or SAR, summarizes the information provided on the FAFSA. It will also list the expected family contribution - the amount the federal government calculates a family can contribute toward the cost of education.

If an asterisk can be seen next to the EFC figure, it means the application has been randomly selected for "verification." Colleges receiving the SAR will request copies of signed tax returns or other information to verify the accuracy of the information on the FAFSA.

The information will also be sent to the colleges listed on the FAFSA. Those colleges will develop financial aid packages based on the expected family contribution, the cost of the college and the student's level of need. Be sure to provide all information requested by the college in order to prevent delays in receiving award notifications.

Who is eligible for aid?

More than half of all undergraduate students receive some sort of financial aid, either in the form of grants, scholarships, loans or work-study programs. All students, regardless of financial need, can qualify for low-interest federal loans through the Stafford loan program.

First consider accepting grants, scholarships and other aid that does not have to be repaid, before accepting a student loan. Accepting a loan means accepting the responsibility of repaying it.

Where can I get help?

Questions about the application or about federal student aid in general can be directed to the Federal Student Aid Hotline Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID. Calls should be answered Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to midnight, EST; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. During extended hours, now through Feb. 25, customer service representatives will be available from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information on eligibility requirements and the U.S. Department of Education's student aid programs, visit online at <http://studentaid.ed.gov>. Or, for information about financial aid programs at Kirtland, call 989-275-5000, extension 257, or visit online at <http://kirtland.edu/finaid>.

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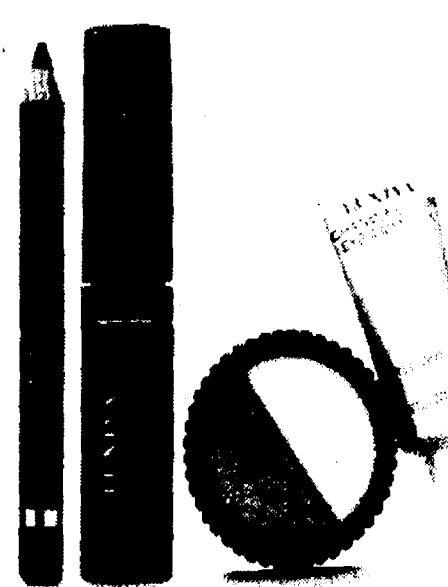
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The Bible Speaks

God's Abiding Love

Romans 5:1-4 teaches us that when God justifies us we have peace with God, access to Him by faith, an abode with Him by Grace, and an anticipation of glory. We celebrate His glory, we "rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Even in adversity, "...we glory in tribulations also knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." Finally in Romans 5:5 this hope brings us the confidence and comfort of God's abiding love. "5And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

This loving hope brings us assurance of salvation. That is why Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ in Romans 1:16. This is why Romans 9:33 and 10:11 teach us, "whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." This is why Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:12: "12For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against

that day." This is why we study the Bible: "15Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15).

Not only does this hope bring us assurance, but awareness of God's adoration or love for us: "...because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts..." We are made aware of God's abounding love within our own hearts! "1Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..." (1 John 3:1). "9In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." (1 John 4:9). Nothing can separate us from this abiding love of God within our heart as Romans 8:38,39 promise: "38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Finally, this loving hope makes us aware of God's abiding presence within our own body, "...by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Jesus promised

in John 16:7,8 that the Holy Spirit would come to be our comforter, and to reprove the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. We are born-again by the Spirit according to John 3:3-7). When we were dead in sins He quickened us and made us alive. (Eph. 2:1,5; Col. 2:13). "6And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Gal. 4:6). 1 Cor. 12:3 reminds us, "...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." And Romans 8:9 says, "...if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

It is the Holy Spirit who baptizes us into the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:13). It is the Holy Spirit who indwells our bodies. (1 Cor. 6:19). He will dwell within our bodies until our resurrection according to Romans 8:11: "11But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

David M. Baker

Nov. 21, 1974 - Feb. 4, 2007

David Michael Baker, 32 of Grayling, passed away on February 4, 2007.

He was born in Grayling, on November 21, 1974 to Harold E. Baker II and Carolynne (Halstead) Baker.

He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed anything to do with the outdoors. He attended schools in Elkhorn, W. Va., Fla., and Crawford AuSable Schools.

He worked for A.E.I. Dish Network, and as a certified technician. He was one of only two certified dish microwave technicians in the state of Michigan. He was involved with "Safety Town", and also did some security work around the area.

He is survived by his mother, Carolynne Baker and stepfather Bill Bush of Grayling; grandmother, Arlene Halstead of Grayling and Betty Lewis of Grand Rapids; sisters, Melinda Golnick (Kurt Cuddeback) of Cadillac and Debra Baker of Flint; brothers, Harold (Mary) Baker III of Mont., and Brian Baker of Texas; and nephews, Dustin and Dillon Golnick.

He was preceded in death by his father Harold Baker II, grandmother Mazie Osfield, and grandfather Claude Halstead.

A funeral service will be held on February 9, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with Pastor Rick Secord officiating. Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.



William A. Cox

Feb. 3, 1931 - Feb. 4, 2007

William "Bill" Cox, 76, of Grayling, passed away peacefully at his home on February 4, 2007.

He was born in Rochester, on February 3, 1931, to Grover and Lillian (Ackley) Cox.

Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948. He was a member of the 24th Infantry Division serving in the occupation of Japan and the Korean War until 1951.

He married Nancy Sorenson on February 19, 1955, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

He was employed at Bear Archery as a leather cutter, Grayling Auto Parts, Grayling Country Club, and Intercept Security at Camp Grayling. He was a member of the NRA, VFW, American Legion Post #106, and the 24th Infantry Division Association.

He was a quiet man and preferred to listen to others. He

loved his cabin and time spent outdoors. In his younger days he enjoyed fly fishing, partridge hunting, and ice fishing. He also enjoyed building furniture and woodworking in his spare time.

He is survived by wife, Nancy, their 52nd wedding anniversary would have been on February 19; sons: Billy Cox of Cadillac, Joel Cox of Traverse City, Jamie Cox of Grayling, David (fiance Stacie Gibson) Cox of Rockford; daughter, Elissa Cox of Livingston, Mont.; three grandchildren: Alexa, Aaron, and Angie; one great-granddaughter, Jaylyn; sister, Nancy Hoffman of Grayling; and brother, John Patrick (Rosemary) Cox of Caledonia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Mary Esther, and sister Barbara Barrus.

At Bill's request, cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007, 1 p.m., at the American Legion Post #106. Military honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post 106, U.S. Army, and Camp Grayling Firing Squad.

Memorials may be made to the Crawford County Library or the Crawford County Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Lavina M. Tate

Lavina M. Tate, age 79, of Grayling, passed away on February 10, 2007.

Visitation will be held at 12 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 16, at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, with the funeral following at 1 p.m. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Beulah Allen

Feb. 8, 1924 - Feb. 7, 2007

Beulah Allen, age 82, of Gladwin, passed away February 7, 2007.

A funeral service was held on February 10, at the Gladwin Free Methodist Church, Gladwin. Arrangements by Sisson Funeral Home, Gladwin.

BIRTHS

Honey and Robert Porth of Lewiston, announce the birth of their son, Robert Charles, born at Mercy Hospital on January 19, 2007, at 4:30 p.m., weighing 7 lbs., 2.1 ozs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length.

Kristen and Charles Patterson of Mio, announce the birth of their son, Charles Elliot, born at Mercy Hospital on January 10, 2007, at 6:36 p.m., weighing 5 lbs., 15 ozs., and measuring 18 3/4 inches in length.

Bonnie Lynn Mahaney and Matthew R. Woodman of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Aeden Ray, born at Mercy Hospital on January 16,

2007, at 3:50 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 2 ozs., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Kristina Harrison and Brock Chenette of Grayling, announce the birth of a son, Branden James, born at Mercy Hospital on January 30, 2007, weighing 8 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 19 3/4 inches in length.

Carrah Renee Stade of Roscommon, announces the birth of a son, Skylar Joesph, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2007, at 4:35 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 17 1/2 inches in length.

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E-mail: reslife@reslife.org

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Sunday Evening 6 pm
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Pastor Larry Stank
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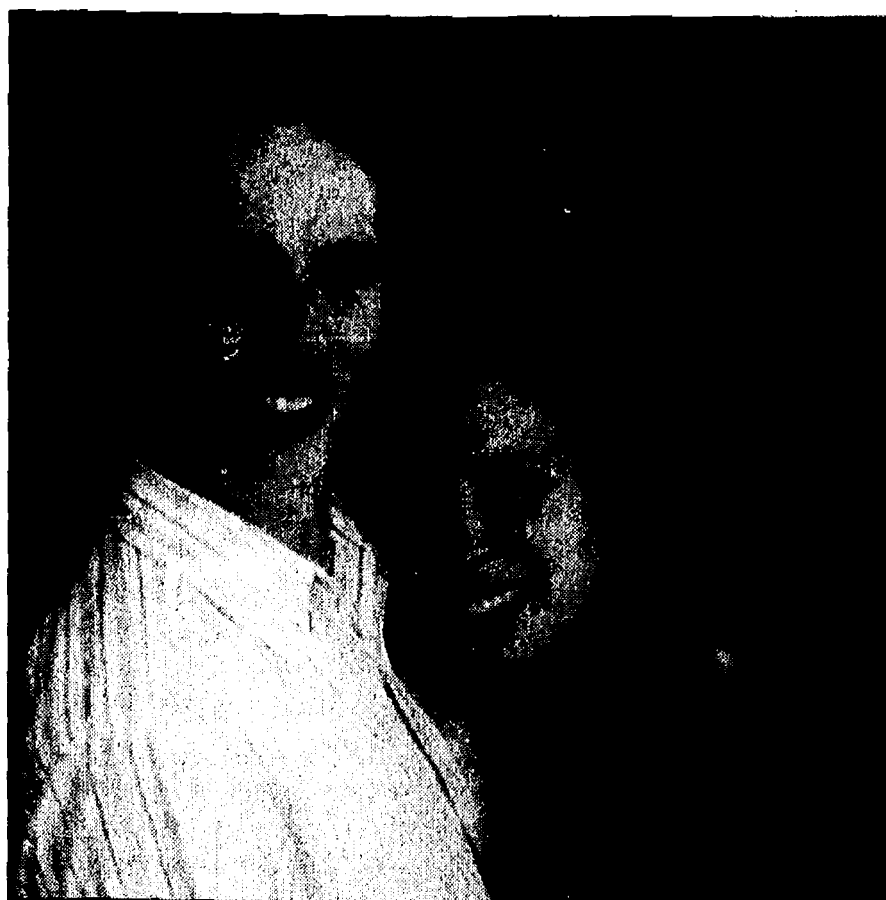
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Babbitt, Brookes engaged



Nicole Babbitt and Andrew Brookes

Steve and Jean Babbitt, of Grayling, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Renae Babbitt to Andrew Patrick Brookes, son of Eileen Ryan and Bryan Brookes.

Nicole will graduate from Mid Michigan College radiology program in May 2007.

Andrew is attending Kirtland Community College nursing program and will have his LPN in June 2007 and will continue his education to get an RN in May 2008.

A June 2008 wedding is planned.

Muse, Mead engaged



Carrie Muse and Brett Mead

Ron and Lois Muse, of Gladstone, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie, to Brett Mead, son of Dee and Dora Mead, of Grayling. A December 2007 wedding is planned.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Feb. 15 - 21 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Feb. 15 and Feb. 19 - 21.

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Friday, Feb. 16 - Lunch - Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, zucchini, and mandarin oranges. No Dinner. 12 p.m. Lovells satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Feb. 19 - Lunch - scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, peaches, and apple. Dinner - taco salad, lettuce and tomatoes, Mexican corn, and tropical fruit salad. 9:30 a.m. COA board meeting, 10 a.m. aerobics, 1 p.m. Bridge Club, 5:30 p.m. Yahtzee.

Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Lunch - hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, and mixed fruit. Dinner - swiss steak, boiled potatoes, green beans, and pears. 9 a.m.

- noon TEFAP at the Legion, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. tax aide clinic, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 5 p.m. speaker - The Brook, 5:30 p.m. Bunco.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 - Lunch-baked meat loaf, boiled potatoes, green bean almandine, and banana. Dinner - western omelette, potatoes O'Brien, fresh fruit medley, muffin, and and orange. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. bible study, and poker, 2 p.m. caregiver class.

Thursday, Feb. 22 - Lunch-Teriyaki chicken, broccoli, cauliflower, and pineapple. Dinner - pork roast, sweet potatoes, creamed peas, and applesauce. 10 a.m. aerobics, 11 a.m. fly fishing lodge trip, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 1 p.m. pinocle, 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 108 complaints the week of Feb. 5 - Feb. 11:

Two delinquent minors, one snowmobile incident, three false alarm activations, three burglaries/home invasions, one burglary-safe/vault, one damage to property, one resisting officer, eight public peace/disorders, two health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, 25 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, three traffic violations-civil infractions, one accident-all other, two motor vehicles-vehicle identification number-school busses, four civil matters/family disputes, eight suspicious situations, two missing persons, 30 general non-criminal complaints, seven driving viola-

tions/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

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Alma College

Alma College named over 400 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 2006 Fall Term that ended in December. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least of which are evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List. Among the students were: Kelley Haverson of Roscommon and Charlie Alchin of St. Helen.

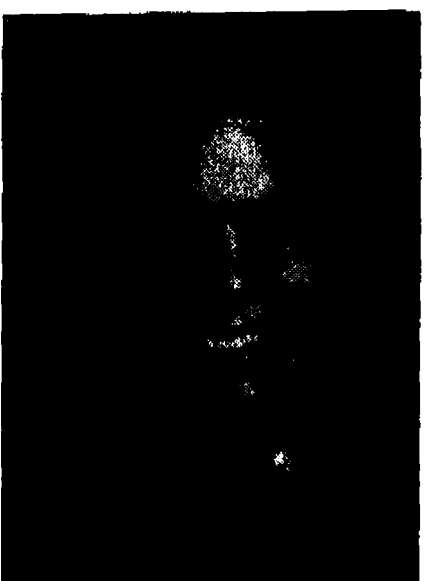
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Northwood University

Jessica Green, a Northwood senior from Grayling majoring in Entertainment, Sport and Promotion Management/Management, was granted the John A. and Marjorie Hohman Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Green has interned for Grayling Recreational Authority and did a practicum with Vail Valley Foundation. She has been named on the President's and Dean's list and is a member of ESPMA (Entertainment, Sport and Promotion Management Association).

Jessica is the daughter of Karl and Cheri Green.



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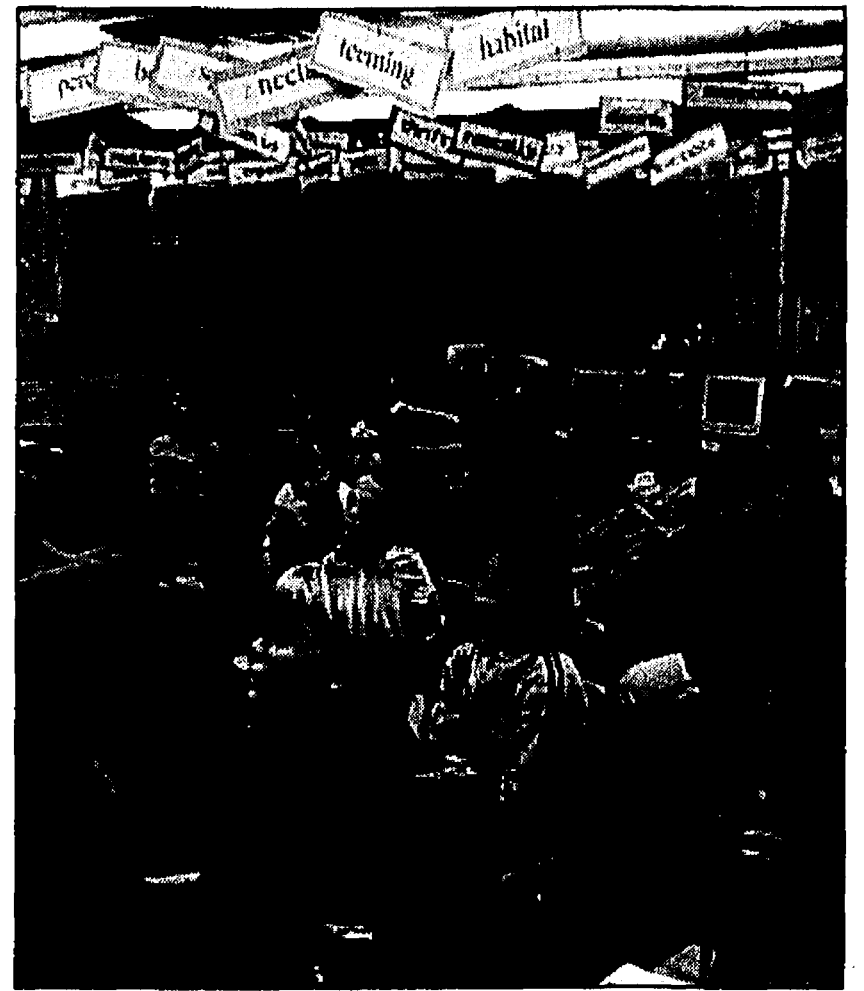
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Junior Deputy Program includes 911 presentation



Terry Neilson of Crawford County 911 Dispatch recently talked to 4th grade students at Grayling Elementary School about 911 as part of the Sheriff's Department's Junior Deputy Program. This year's Junior Deputy Program also included a recent presentation on snowmobile safety. A survey of 4th graders in classes taught by Renee Markel and Dawn Feldhauser found that 61 percent of students ride snowmobiles, 23 percent did not wear helmets before the Junior Deputy Program, 12 percent now wear them due to the Junior Deputy Program, and 11 percent still do not wear helmets because they do not have helmets to wear. What are some of the other things students learned from the recent presentations? "Always have the lights on your snowmobile so you can see cars, animals, and other things, and you can also be seen," said Anthony Sartin, 9. "If no minutes are left on your cell phone you can still call 911," said Jordan Shoemaker, 10. "Drive your snowmobile with the flow of traffic," said Wyatt Thompson, 9. "If the 911 system in Crawford County isn't working the call will go straight into the Roscommon Dispatch. I know that help will still come even if our phone lines are down," said Adam Brill, 9.

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Frederic Fire Department gets grant for new radios

The Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department will receive federal funding through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters grant program.

The \$65,040 grant will be used to purchase 800 megahertz radios for the Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The radios will replace the current high band radios used by the department, which only have the capacity to communicate within a 10 to 15 mile radius of the department's communication tower, said Doug

Pratt, the fire chief for the Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department.

A total of 22 800 megahertz radios will be purchased for the department, including several handheld radios, and radios that will be placed in each fire truck and ambulance.

The 800 megahertz radio system is the same communications system used by the Michigan State Police

"In case of a mass disaster and we have to go somewhere else, we will be able to communicate with other agencies that are on the 800 megahertz sys-

tem," Pratt said.

Last week, U.S. Senators Carl Levin (D-MI) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) announced that 16 Michigan fire departments were awarded \$1.3 million through the 2006 fiscal year Assistance to Firefighters grant program to help support firefighter operations and safety.

"This is good news for communities and families across Michigan," Levin said. "Better training and equipment will help our brave firefighters and first responders to do their jobs safely and effectively."

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work tirelessly keeping our families and homes safe," Stabenow added. "These grants will allow communities across the state to provide these brave men and women with the best training and equipment available."

The Assistance to Firefighters Program awards grants directly to fire departments and EMS organizations to improve the effectiveness of operations and health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention programs throughout the United States. Grants are awarded competitively through an application process.

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Proposal would give unpaid time off to returning troops

by Justin Kroll
Capitol News Service

Members of the National Guard returning from active duty would get more time to readjust under a new proposal.

A bill would give them an opportunity for more time at home and also protect them from being fired from civilian jobs they held before activation.

"People are unaware of the setback a serviceman goes through when they return to a normal lifestyle," said the lead sponsor, Rep. Rick Jones, R-Grand Ledge. "It does take time and this bill allows that time."

Jones said military reservists and members of the National Guard have told him about their adjustment time problem.

"The armory in Grand Ledge just welcomed back a group of

reservists who had spent 19 months in Bosnia and Kosovo," he said. "Quite a few said this time off was necessary, and I believe they deserve it."

Kana Garrison, a legislative aide to Jones, said the bill would allow the soldiers adequate, without pay, time prior to returning to the work forces.

That could be up to 90 days for some returnees, Garrison said.

Rob Fowler, president of the Small Business Association of Michigan, said jobs should be held if returning service members need to adjust but he doesn't favor a law that requires employers to provide that time.

"I am completely sympathetic that they need more time to readjust and can't imagine any small business having a problem

with this," Fowler said. "The issue is the government setting mandates that say we must do this and must do that, which makes most small businesses cringe a little."

Jones said the proposal has bipartisan support.

Rep. Rick Shaffer, R-Three Rivers, said, "It's an excellent opportunity for our National Guards to spend more time with their families and they are well-deserving, being that they do serve their country."

And Rep. Robert Dean, D-Grand Rapids, a member of the Military, Veteran Affairs and Homeland Security Committee, said several returnees told him about the adjustment problem.

"Not being allowed a certain timetable seemed to be one of the major hardships for these

men," Dean said. "It helps to know that we are able to help out with one of the smaller items like this for these men."

Although the bill would allow soldiers a leave of absence when returning home, many of them want and need to get back to work immediately said Gary Aten, a representative of the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve. The U.S. Defense Department sponsors the all-volunteer group.

"When these people get back, most employers are not paying them and they are in need of an income," Aten said. "Not to say this law does not allow these men and women to enjoy time with their family, but most need and want the work."

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Hospital board focuses on quality patient care

Mercy Hospital Grayling's Board of Trustees recently formed a new committee charged with enhancing quality and performance at the hospital.

The Quality and Performance Improvement Committee is responsible for recommending to the full board policies, plans and goals that maintain and improve hospital efforts to provide safe and effective care for patients.

"Providing quality and safe care to our patients is the number one priority of the hospital," said Al Bersted, M.D., committee chairman. "We take our new responsibilities very seriously and look forward to working with the full board to help make Mercy Grayling a model for other community hospitals."

Specific responsibilities of the committee include review of performance improvement plans, approval of key quality indicators, monitoring reports of hospi-

tal and medical staff quality assessment and improvement activities, review of accreditation agency reports, and oversight of the medical staff credentialing process.

"The formation of a Quality and Performance Improvement Committee of the Board is another important step in our commitment to continually improving that quality," said Douglas Slater, M.D., chief medical officer at the hospital. "As a member, I am excited to have the opportunity to contribute to this effort. All the physicians in our system strive daily to deliver the best possible care. Board quality committees are just one method that can further assist our caregivers."

Hospital CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, a member of the new committee, said the committee members agree it should establish and focus on a few key goals each year as it

identifies areas on which it will focus its education, policy making, goal setting and oversight.

"I'm pleased to work with each committee member as we strive to enhance all of our quality efforts at the hospital," she said. "I'm thankful for the insight and experience each person brings to this new committee."

In addition to Bersted, Slater and Riemer-Matuzak, committee members include K. Ramaswamy, M.D.; Paul Lerg, board member; Vince Schultz, M.D., vice chief of staff; Dave Hunter, M.D., chief of staff; Kathryn Zelinsky, vice president of Patient Care Services; Gleniss Daversa, RN, director of Acute/Critical Services and LEAN champion; Jeff Steffey, R.Ph., director of Pharmacy Services and Six Sigma black belt; and Jan Williamson, director of Quality Management.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Feb. 4 - Feb. 11:

Two civil infraction citations,

one traffic accident, three private property accidents, five motorist assists, one misdemeanor arrest, three civil complaints, one suspicious situation complaint, two juvenile complaints, one assault

complaint, four city ordinance violations, one malicious destruction of property complaint, five assist other departments and 17 unclassified complaints.

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Sarah Golnick, of Grayling, was awarded a certificate of honor in recognition of excellent academic performance for the fall term of 2006 at the International Academy of Design and Technology-Detroit.

She is pursuing a degree in Interior Design and is the daughter of Chris and Linda Golnick of Grayling.

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Governor's early release plan sparks debate

by Michael Carney
Capitol News Service

Faced with being full by September, Michigan prisons could release 5,000 inmates as part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to change incarceration guidelines.

An estimated 3,400 current inmates would not be in prison today if revised sentencing guidelines proposed by the governor had been in place when they were convicted, said Russ Marlan, a Department of Corrections press aide.

Elderly nonviolent inmates, medically unfit inmates and those likely to be deported would make up the remaining 1,600 eligible for early release.

Michigan sentencing guidelines give judges a lot of leeway for non-violent crimes.

In 1998, when guidelines were put in place, it was expected that judges would send 20 percent of convicted felons to prison, but, they've put nearly double that percentage behind

bars, said Marlan.

Michigan would save more than \$120 million this year through the proposed early release plan, he said.

About \$30 million of that would be allocated in programs and officers to monitor the former inmates, he added.

John Lazet, the press secretary for Sen. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, said, "The statistics are accurate, but not true."

Cropsey chairs the appropriation subcommittee for the Department of Corrections.

Lazet said the state would likely need to close at least one prison to save the promised \$120 million.

Liz Boyd, press secretary for Granholm, didn't dispute the possibility in closing a prison in the future.

"It could be the ultimate result," she said. "But it will be a couple of years before that would happen. It's a bit premature to be talking about it."

Critics said the early release

of inmates poses a threat to the public.

Mel Grieshaber, executive director of the Michigan Corrections Organization, a union for state correctional officers, said, "There are some risks there. We believe there are still a lot of bad guys there."

"We think there is a downward pressure to lower (security) class levels because of dollars," Grieshaber said. "Dollar-driven policy doesn't make good public policy."

"Our advice for the decision makers is to move cautiously," he added.

Michigan classifies inmates into five levels, with a level five inmate ranked as the most violent or dangerous.

To illustrate the union's concern, Grieshaber said a prison nurse in Marquette was attacked and nearly sexually assaulted recently by an inmate who would have been considered for early release under Granholm's plan.

"Things like that happen every day," he said.

Another aspect of Granholm's proposal includes expanding the Michigan Prisoner Re-entry Initiative, a program currently in eight communities and designed to help released inmates to reintegrate into society, said Marlan.

The recidivism, or repeat offense rate, dropped 21 percent among project participants, he said. "We are releasing people with no plan for success or assistance. This plan will help people who are leaving, leave more successfully."

The program currently operates in major cities, as well as a nine-county area around Traverse City.

"It takes people from the community to talk to people a month before they are released to help them make a plan," Marlan said.

"It helps them go from a structured environment to a structured environment."

Plan promises more 'promise zones' for college scholarships

by Erik Adams
Capitol News Service

It's a big word with a lot of connotations: trust, honor, potential, margarine. But to students in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, it means the financial guarantee for a higher education.

In 2005, the Kalamazoo Promise was introduced to enable local high school graduates to attend any Michigan public university or community college without paying tuition or mandatory fees.

"I have not seen anything in this community where there has been as much of a sense that we really have to make this work," said Jim Bosco, the program coordinator at Western Michigan University, where 102 students enrolled last fall on Promise scholarships.

This is the first academic year that eligible students are attending colleges.

Already the model for similar scholarship programs in the state and across the country, the Promise is also the inspiration for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's newly

announced plan to assist students in low-income, high-unemployment Michigan communities.

Such communities would be designated Promise Zones.

"It's been said the best anti-poverty program is a job, and in this day and age, to get a good paying job, you need higher levels of education," said Chuck Wilbur, Granholm's education policy adviser. "In a sense we're attacking concentrations of poverty and unemployment with higher education."

Under the proposal, a community that wants to establish a Promise Zone would form a private-public partnership, raising funds from donors to reach a level set by the state. The amount will vary depending on the community.

Promise efforts have already begun in Jackson, Flint, Newaygo County and Ottawa County.

"Even thinking about it as a state program is a misnomer," Wilbur said. "What we're really trying to do is create a mechanism that could support local ini-

tiatives."

State money would then come from half the yearly growth of a Promise Zone's State Education Tax.

The Kalamazoo Promise is based solely on private donations.

Granholm included the Promise Zones in the urban revitalization portion of her State of the State address.

Kalamazoo has already seen the benefits of its Promise in the form of increased property values and public school enrollment, she said.

Economic renaissance is another desired outcome, although Bosco, a former education professor, said he doesn't want that benefit to detract from students' academic achievement.

"As a teacher, I don't just look at my students as an economic cog in the wheel," he said. "There's more to the picture than just assuring that they are economically productive."

Not everyone in the state is cheering for the promise of Promise Zones.

For example, Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, said some of his constituents in Ottawa County are already balking at that area's Lakeshore Promise because its funds would come completely from taxes.

The Lakeshore Promise is a proposed initiative that would fund a scholarship in the Holland and Zeeland area through a 1.5 percent income tax.

"You have a lot of people saying, I'm not willing to pay more taxes to send someone else's kids to college," he said.

The senator, who chairs the Senate Committee on Education, said what he's seen of the Promise Zone proposal troubles him because it excludes students in private and parochial schools.

"You can't just open it up to kids coming out of public schools and expect that it's going to pass the Legislature," he said.

In addition to the 102 scholarship winners at Western Michigan this year, 318 other Kalamazoo graduates are attending colleges on Promise scholarships.

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Spread of deadly fish virus feared

by Chris Jackett
Capitol News Service

Michigan fisheries and hatcheries may see new problems in the spring because of a fish disease traveling through the Great Lakes.

Viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) causes fish to bleed to death internally. It was recently discovered in lakes St. Clair and Huron and is the latest in a series of epidemics that have faced the Great Lakes.

One expert predicts the virus will spread to lakes Michigan and Superior soon, if it hasn't already.

"The Sault Ste. Marie Soo Locks problem is we have vessels going between the northern and southern lakes and probably transporting diseased fish and pathogens," said Jim Johnson, station manager and fisheries research biologist at the Alpena Fisheries Research Station.

Gary Whelan, fish production manager for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Division, said, "The best we can do is slow the spread and contain it. Eradication is out of the question. We can't eradicate it in the wild."

Johnson said, "It comes on the heels of the zebra mussels in Thunder Bay and botulism outbreaks caused by the decay of organic matter caused by zebra and quagga mussels."

"We found two fish and sent

them to Michigan State University because they didn't look to be dying by botulism. They ended up to be dying of VHS," he said.

Infected whitefish, walleyes and Chinook salmon were found with VHS during checkups meant to discover bacterial kidney disease (BKD) and botulism. Botulism is a toxin-induced condition that paralyzes and poisons fish and shoreline animals such as birds and skunks.

VHS is not directly harmful to humans or other warm-blooded animals, according to the DNR.

Kelley Smith, chief of the DNR Fisheries Division, said, "It'll be a couple of years before we have a good handle on the problem. It took 10 years to recover from BKD when it hit and we hope VHS becomes a background disease" as BKD has become.

Johnson said he's concerned that the outbreaks and expected problems from VHS will cripple the Great Lakes' fishing industry.

Meanwhile, the zebra mussel population has stabilized, but quagga mussels are at their peak.

"It's the worst they've ever been," he said, adding that quagga mussels are causing huge problems for Alpena, Sleeping Bear Dunes in Leelanau County and parts of Ontario.

Zebra and quagga mussels consume organic material, which hurts other Great Lakes life forms because mussels are invasive species in freshwater lakes. The booming population covers the bottom of docks and boats, and blocks intake pipelines used by water supply and hydroelectric power companies.

"We're still trying to come to grips with the recent outbreaks. If natural mortality goes up because of VHS, there's less for people to harvest," Johnson said. "We don't want to add to problems by overharvesting. We have to learn what the effect of each species is."

A major blow to the fishing industry would further damage the already battered state economy, Johnson warned.

Alpena fisheries produce between 1.5 and 2 million pounds of whitefish every year for commercial sale, according to Johnson.

"The industry is worth close to a billion dollars a year between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron from tourist revenue and other revenues spent on fishing for salmon," he said.

DNR's Whelan estimated that the commercial fishing industry brings in about \$30 million a year.

He also said the Great Lakes states and Ontario are working on the state's prevention and sur-

veillance programs that could cost the state millions of dollars.

"I have 71 items that we need to have taken care of by May," Whelan added.

The budget to properly study and test diseased fish may be too expensive to take proper action, but Johnson said that many things could be done to lessen the blow.

"We're working to contain VHS, to keep it out of privately owned hatcheries, ponds and fisheries. If fish disease gets there, it will cause economic hardships for the industry," he said.

"Bait harvest is a small, lucrative industry. Bait minnows are collected from Lake Huron. It sometimes spreads to other fish, not just wild."

Johnson said keeping VHS in the Great Lakes and away from inland lakes, rivers and private hatcheries is essential. A DNR advisory tells anglers to bleach clean their boats, nets and equipment when switching between the Great Lakes and inland lakes.

"The really important thing is not to release minnows into water. Use them only in the lake you got them from," he said.

"Mussels are harder to spread, but we saw it steadily spread to inland waters" when they were introduced to the Great Lakes 20 years ago and a similar advisory was made to anglers.



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Anglers heading for the ice - late

by Erik Adams
Capitol News Service

"Cold and snowy." That's how Montmorency County Sheriff Doug Baum described the scene on Clear Lake, just north of Atlanta, where an ice fisher on a snowmobile recently broke through the ice.

Baum — along with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Tri-Township Fire and Rescue and a Tri-Township ambulance — responded to a 911 call from a witness who saw the angler fall through.

The victim pulled himself back onto the ice, and when reached by the sheriff was packing up his gear.

Winter weather may be bringing out the ice fishers in northeastern Michigan, but the DNR continues to warn that no ice is guaranteed to be safe.

"Because of the late winter

we had, the ice conditions are not favorable at this time," said Gaylord-based DNR Lt. Jeff Gaither. "There are some lakes where people are ice fishing, but a great deal of caution still has to be used. The ice was formed late, then we got snow cover which insulates the ice, so it doesn't make ice as fast as it would without the snow."

Despite this, Conservation Officer Bobbi Bashore said she had seen anglers in Alpena on Fletcher Pond, Long Lake, Hubbard Lake and the Thunder Bay River.

Jack's Landing Resort, located on Fletcher Pond in Hillman, offers accommodations and equipment for ice fishing. The resort's general manager, Dave Robinson, said shanties have been on the pond for two weeks.

According to Robinson, the late onset of winter weather has

caused a compressed demand for ice fishing.

"More people want to go fishing now and they have less time to do it," he said.

For anyone heading out to the ice, Gaither has some safety guidelines:

"Always go with somebody else, always go with a buddy," he said. "Make sure somebody knows where you're at, what time you expect to be back. If it's early on in the season, you might wear a life jacket."

The lieutenant also recommended using an ice spud to check ice thickness, as well as using a Pick-of-Life — if they break through ice — to pull themselves out of the water and on to the surface.

"They're like ice picks that have a string on them that go through your sleeves like the old mittens when you were a kid," Gaither said.

Outdoor writers hold conference in Grayling

The Michigan Outdoor Writer's Association (MOWA) recently held their winter conference at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

MOWA was founded in 1944 in Blaney Park in the Upper Peninsula to promote friendship and comradeship amongst outdoor writers in the state, and also to serve as a way for writers who then couldn't or didn't get around the state outside of their own areas to write a bit more about what makes Michigan so great: the abundance of outdoor activities.

Gradually, the organization has evolved to not only include ways to introduce readers to other parts of the state, but also to serve as an educational tool for writers. During their meetings, they have seminars on such subjects as photography, bird watching and photo imaging.

At the Grayling meeting, the writers focused on the Department of Natural Resources' plans for potential license fee increases.

Rob Tomlinson, the Grayling


Visitors Bureau president and owner of the Woodland Motel, along with Grayling City Manager, David Thayer, gave welcoming addresses to MOWA members. The writers' welcome included gift bags from J.Dap Co., Riverland, Icehouse Quilt Shop, Thanks A Latte and Parrott's Perch. After dinner at the Holiday Inn, the writers braved the frigid temperatures and headed uptown for dessert night at Dawson & Steven's and the Bottle Cap Museum.

The writers had to choose an activity to participate in from all there is to see and do in the outdoors in the Grayling area. A coyote hunt, canoe/kayak trip, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and snowmobiling treks were offered by Tom Wellman, Mark and Cheri Hunter at Borchers Canoe Livery, Rob Burg from Hartwick Pines State Park, Dave Forbush at Forbush Corner, and Keith Miles from Fay's Motel along with Rob Tomlinson.


"Conference attendees all made enthusiastic comments about their visit," said Ilene Geiss-Wilson, the executive director for the Grayling Visitors Bureau and organizer for activities for the conference. "We anticipate on-going, positive press for the Grayling area from this event."

Other highlights included a "Make it, Take it" project offered by Ali Baynham at The Icehouse Quilt Shop and tours given of Goodale's Bakery by Loren Goodale and Camp Grayling by Post Commander Col. Dean Brown. Encouraging year round visits to Grayling, Wayne Koppa, a member of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River International Canoe Marathon, spoke to the attendees and distributed information regarding the marathon.

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Michigan Technological University recognized the achievements of nearly 400 graduates at midyear commencement on Dec. 16. A total of seven associate degrees and 273 bachelor's

degrees were awarded. In addition, 89 master's degree recipients and 23 PhD graduates were honored.

Among the honored graduates was Wade M. Mapes, of Gaylord, earning a Bachelor of Science in Applied Ecology and Environmental Sciences.

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cific roles, like reading a religious passage at the ceremony, providing assistance with choosing wedding vendors, or helping to address wedding invitations.

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Vikings place 1st, 2nd at Bellaire Invitational ski meet

Boys team finishes first, girls team places second in meet at Schuss on Friday

Led by a strong performance in the slalom event, Grayling High School's boys ski team placed first at the Bellaire

Invitational last Friday at Schuss. Grayling's girls squad placed second overall, and finished first in the slalom competition.

Grayling's boys team placed four skiers in the top 10 in slalom, which helped secure the tournament win over second

place Bellaire by one point. Jimmy Hilbrecht led the Vikings in slalom with a 4th place finish. Mike Olson, Janosch Kluge and Matt Hilbrecht also skied to top 10 finishes to round out a solid slalom performance.

In giant slalom (GS), the boys

were led by Olson in 6th and Andrew Hart in 9th.

"We struggled again in GS this week, this time with some bad luck. Jimmy Hilbrecht walked out of a ski at the start which DQed him and Janosch wound up in the ditch twice, so we were in a hole. The boys

skied slalom very solid, holding back a touch and skiing as a team. A couple of kids throttled back to get two consistent runs and wound up in the top 10 - it's great team skiing that paid off," Coach Brad Wagner said. "It's great to get a victory like that, the boys have been training

hard, some of them all the way back to the summer for dry land, so this success is well-earned."

Grayling's girls fell just shy of a win, finishing seven points behind first place Inland Lakes.

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Grayling High School's boys team finished 1st at last week's Bellaire Invitational at Schuss: (front, L to R) Janosch Kluge, Jimmy Hilbrecht, Andrew Hart, Chuck Hughes; (back, L to R) Mike Olson, Matt Hilbrecht, Peter Alexander.



The GHS girls ski team placed 2nd overall last Friday at Schuss, finishing 1st in slalom and 2nd in giant slalom: (front, L to R) Erica Moggo, Hannah Smith, Coach Brad Wagner; (back, L to R) Coach Tim Gariglio, Hailey McMahon, Cassie Pizzi, Heaven Bergman.

Varsity basketball squad wins 80-54 at East Jordan

Vikings fall to Blue Devils of Gaylord 75-69 on Tuesday night in Grayling

The Grayling Vikings defeated the East Jordan Red Devils by a final score of 80-54 in last

Friday's varsity boys basketball contest held at East Jordan.

Grayling jumped out to a 23-13 lead in the first quarter and led 41-25 at halftime.

"Our goal coming into this game was to set the tone defensively in the first quarter. Our

players responded with a pretty solid first half of basketball and we followed it up with a solid 16 minutes in the second half," Coach Rich Moffit said.

The Vikings took a 61-42 advantage into the fourth period and won the game by 26

points, 80-54.

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Josh Stapleton, 24 points (including six three-pointers), 5 assists; Steve Hodge, 19 points, 7

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See "VARSITY..."

Red Devils edge Grayling 54-51 in JV game at East Jordan

Vikings fall to Gaylord Blue Devils on Tuesday night in game played at GHS

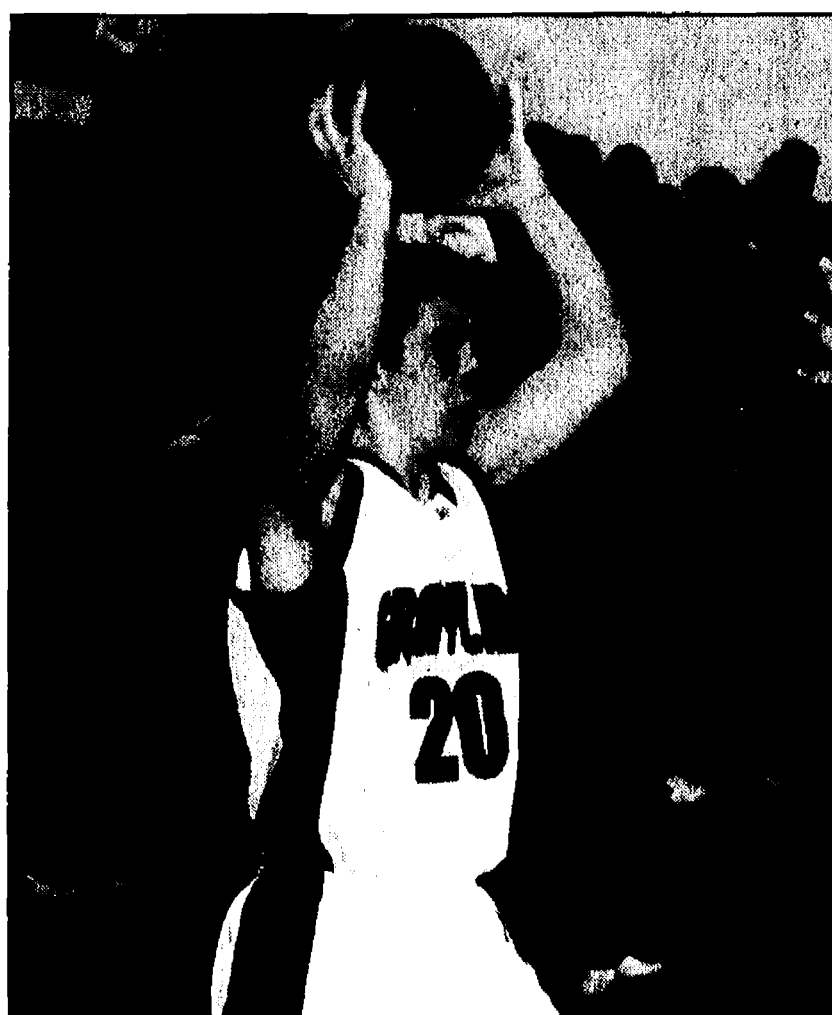
A fourth quarter surge by the GHS JV boys basketball team came up a little short last week at East Jordan, as the Red Devils

won a 57-54 battle vs. the visiting Vikings on Friday night.

East Jordan led 15-12 after one quarter, and had a 24-19 advantage at halftime. The Red Devils led 42-33 going into the fourth period.

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See "RED DEVILS..."



(Left) Jason Drudge handles the ball for the Vikings vs. Gaylord last Tuesday. (Right) Nick Parkinson looks for an open teammate.



Tyler Steffey controls the ball for Grayling during last week's game against the Gaylord Blue Devils.

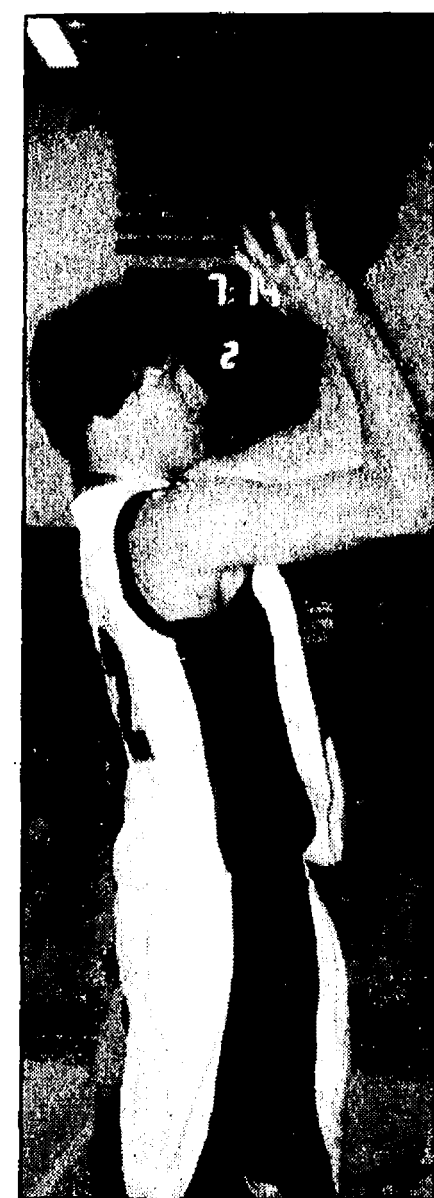
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Varsity basketball squad wins 80-54 at EJ

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assists; Mike Boylan, 14 points, 10 rebounds; Jeremiah Bootz, 11 points, 5 rebounds; Jim Boylan, 6 points, 8 rebounds; Richard Schreiber, 2 points, 9 assists, 5 rebounds; Nick Parkinson, 2 points, 6 rebounds; Justin Summers, 2 points.
"Josh Stapleton was outstanding from the three-point line. Steve Hodge has been a steady scorer for us the past two weeks and did a nice job of shooting and passing. Mike Boylan turned in another solid game, while Jeremiah Bootz, who is finally getting healthy, played his best game of the year," Coach Moffit said. "We shot very well from the

three-point arc -- 11 for 18 -- and did a nice job inside also (21 for 36). We need to continue to grow and improve as we get near the postseason action."
On Tuesday, the Vikings lost a home game vs. the Gaylord Blue Devils 75-69.
Grayling led 20-17 after one quarter but the Blue Devils had a 38-33 advantage at halftime. The Vikings had a one-point edge, 57-56, going into the fourth period.
With Gaylord leading by six, Hodge hit a three-pointer for Grayling to pull the Vikings within three, 66-63, with 4:13 remaining in regulation. Hodge stole the ball and drove in for a lay-up, cutting Gaylord's lead to one, 66-65, at the 3:42 mark. A lay-up by Gaylord gave the Blue Devils a three-point lead. An inside shot by J. Boylan pulled Grayling back within one with 2:24 left in the fourth quarter.
An inside shot and a three-pointer gave Gaylord a six-point lead, 73-67, with 1:41 remaining. A lay-up by Hodge at the 1:05 mark pulled Grayling within four. The Blue Devils scored the only points of the final minute on a pair of free throws, and Gaylord won 75-69.

"This was a game of spurts. We played very well during various stretches of the game. We need to play with more toughness and consistency down the stretch," Coach Moffit said.
Leading scorers for Grayling were: Hodge, 22 points, 4 assists; M. Boylan, 15 points, 6



(Left) Richard Schreiber dribbles the ball for the Vikings during last Tuesday's game against Gaylord. (Right) Rocky McNamara shoots for Grayling.

rebounds; J. Boylan, 9 points, 11 rebounds; Stapleton, 8 points, 5 steals; Schreiber, 4 points, 7 assists, 5 steals; Parkinson, 4 points, 4 rebounds; Bootz, 3 points; Jason Drudge, 2 points; Summers, 2 points.
The Vikings (5-10 overall) will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 16.

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Vikings fall to Blazers 3-1 on Thursday

Grayling defeats Harrison, Houghton Lake at Subway Invitational

The GHS varsity girls volleyball team, a squad that has won six of its last 10 matches, lost a best-of-three series at Kalkaska last Thursday 3-1 with scores of 17-25, 12-25, 25-21, 23-25.

"Kalkaska hit the ball at us with tremendous force in the first game," said Coach Brian Banda. "They continued to hit the ball well defeating us 25-12 in the second game."

The Vikings made some adjustments and rallied for a 25-21 win in game three.

"We were able to adjust and dig nearly everything they hit at us. It was our best effort digging the ball," Coach Banda said.

In the fourth game, the Vikings were able to get on top and stay there most of the contest, but the Blazers surged late in the match and won 25-23.

"This was a great match to coach," Coach Banda said. "This was really good volleyball."

Freshman Ashley Feldhauser had 21 kills in the match. "I have not seen such a dominant force by a freshman in over 10 years," said Coach Banda. "Ashley has only been on our

team for two weeks and may lead our team in kills this year."

On Saturday, Feb. 3, the Vikings made it to the semifinals in the squad's Subway Invitational meet held at GHS. The tournament included Grayling, Harbor Springs, Roscommon, Harrison, East Jordan, Central Lake, Kalkaska, and Houghton Lake.

The Vikings began the day with a victory over Houghton Lake 25-20, 25-20. In Grayling's second match they lost a close one to Kalkaska 23-25 and 18-25. The Vikings led in the first game 21-19 but could not finish the game.

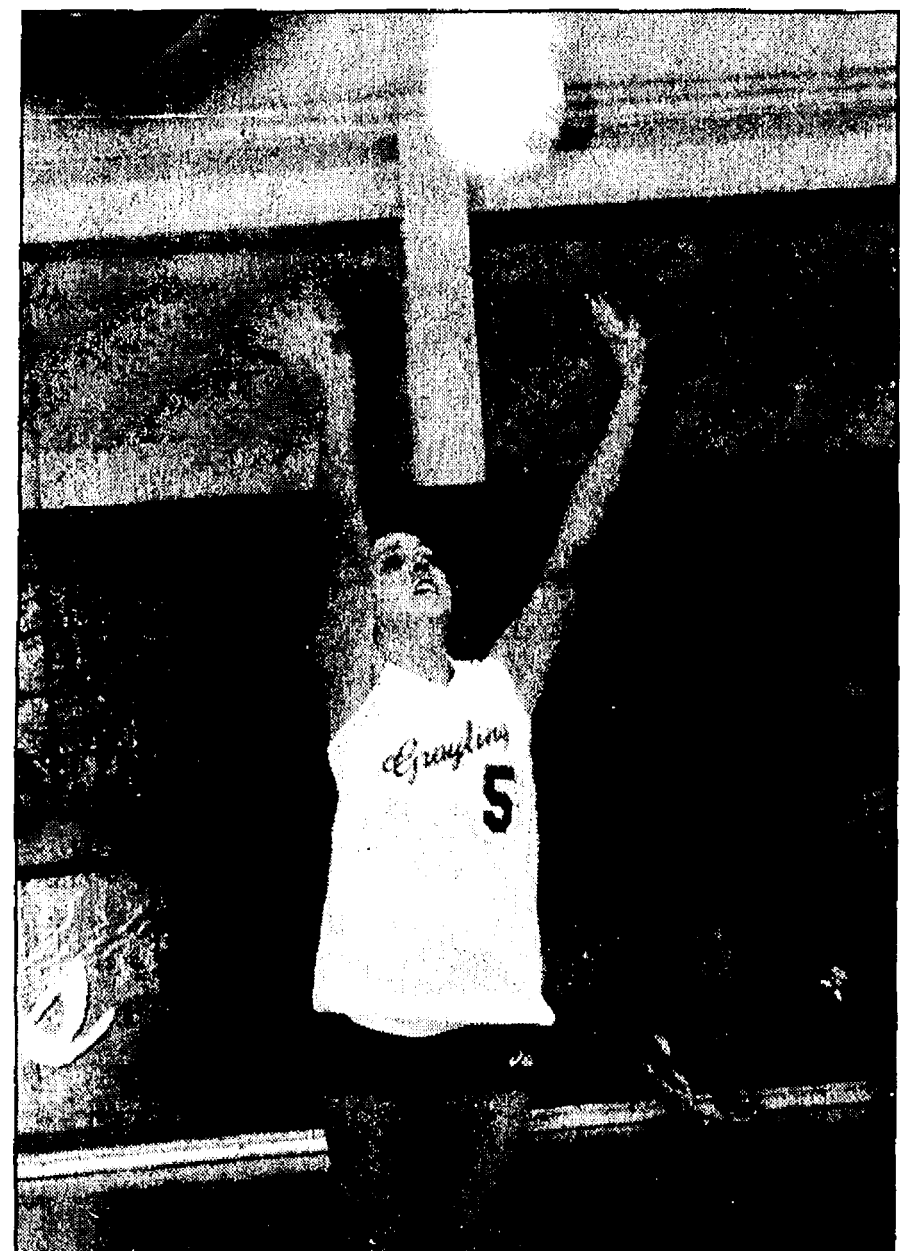
In the third match of the day, the Vikings defeated a strong Harrison team 25-22 and 25-19. The victory over Harrison assured the Vikings (4-2) would have a place in the semifinals against Roscommon (5-1). Roscommon defeated Grayling 19-25 and 14-25.

"This is an important day for the Grayling volleyball program," said Coach Banda. "It has been several years since our team has made it to the semifinals of a tournament. Our young squad took a huge step in their attempt to bring Grayling volleyball back to its winning ways."

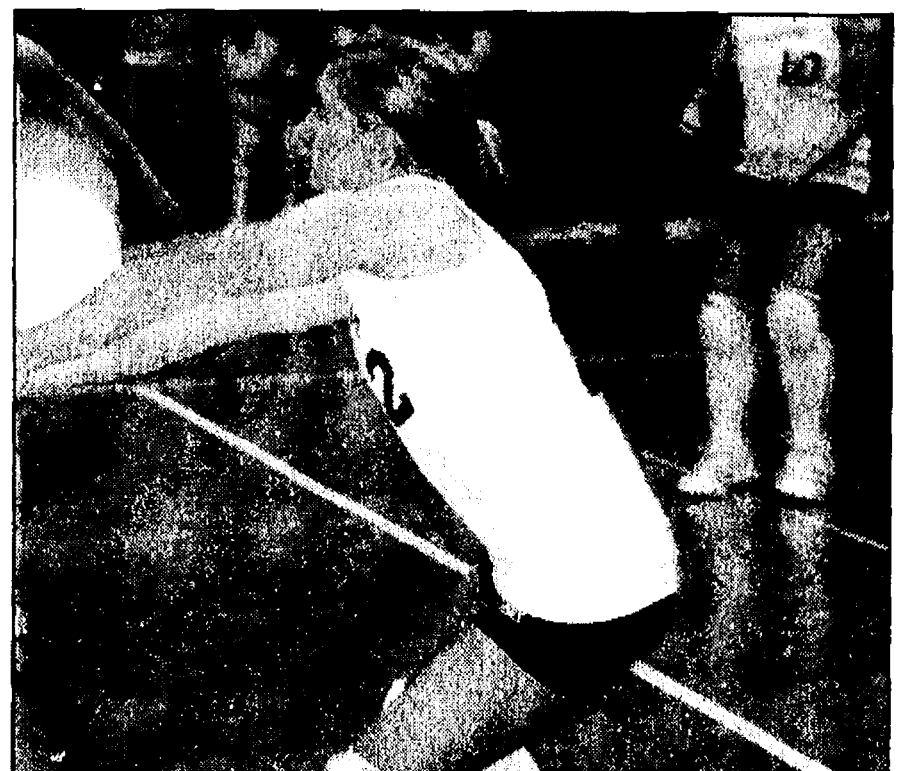
Middle attacker Monica Peters was named to the all-tournament team for her strong net play.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the Vikings defeated the Elk Rapids Elks 3-1 (19-25, 25-21, 25-17 and 25-19) at Elk Rapids.

The Vikings will host Charlevoix and Harbor Springs on Thursday, Feb. 15.



Kelly Lange sets a ball for the Vikings during last Thursday's meet at Kalkaska.



Annie Melroy (above) and Shentelle Apps (below) hit the ball for Grayling at Kalkaska.



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Varsity Volleyball
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"Rachel had a tremendous week for the Vikings with 24 digs and 21 kills. Her hard hitting has inspired the Vikings to play at a higher level these past two weeks," her coach said.

Red Devils edge Grayling 54-51 in JV game at East Jordan

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"It was a chess match all game with both teams switching in and out of offenses and defenses. We made a great run in the fourth quarter and the kids played smart basketball in the last couple of minutes to give us a chance to win the game," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "We were down five with 15 seconds left when Jacob Aubry drove the length of the court to score and make it a three-point game with 7.8 sec-

onds left. After a timeout the team made a great defensive play on the inbound and tipped the ball back to the inbounder. With 6.8 second left we had the ball under our own basket down three points. We set up a play and had a good look at a three by Spencer Dean in the corner that barely rimmed out. We grabbed the rebound and kicked it out to Eric Ferrigan, who shot another three-pointer just after the buzzer sounded."

"Ryan Foguth really stepped up for us in crunch time. East Jordan went box in one against Spencer Dean and forced us to look elsewhere for offense. Ryan stepped up and scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter. Alex Gabriel played an excellent game for us both offensively and defensively. Alex slowed down one of their best players and one of the best post players we've see all year," Coach Kucharek said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Foguth, 14 points; Dean, 13 points; Gabriel, 8 points; Aubry, 2 points; John Cochrane, 2 points; Ross Teeple, 2 points.

On Tuesday, the JV basketball squad lost a home game vs. Gaylord by a final score of 63-43.

Leading scorers for the Vikings: Dean, 17 points, 10 rebounds; Aubry, 5 points, 3 assists; Mike Davis, 4 points;

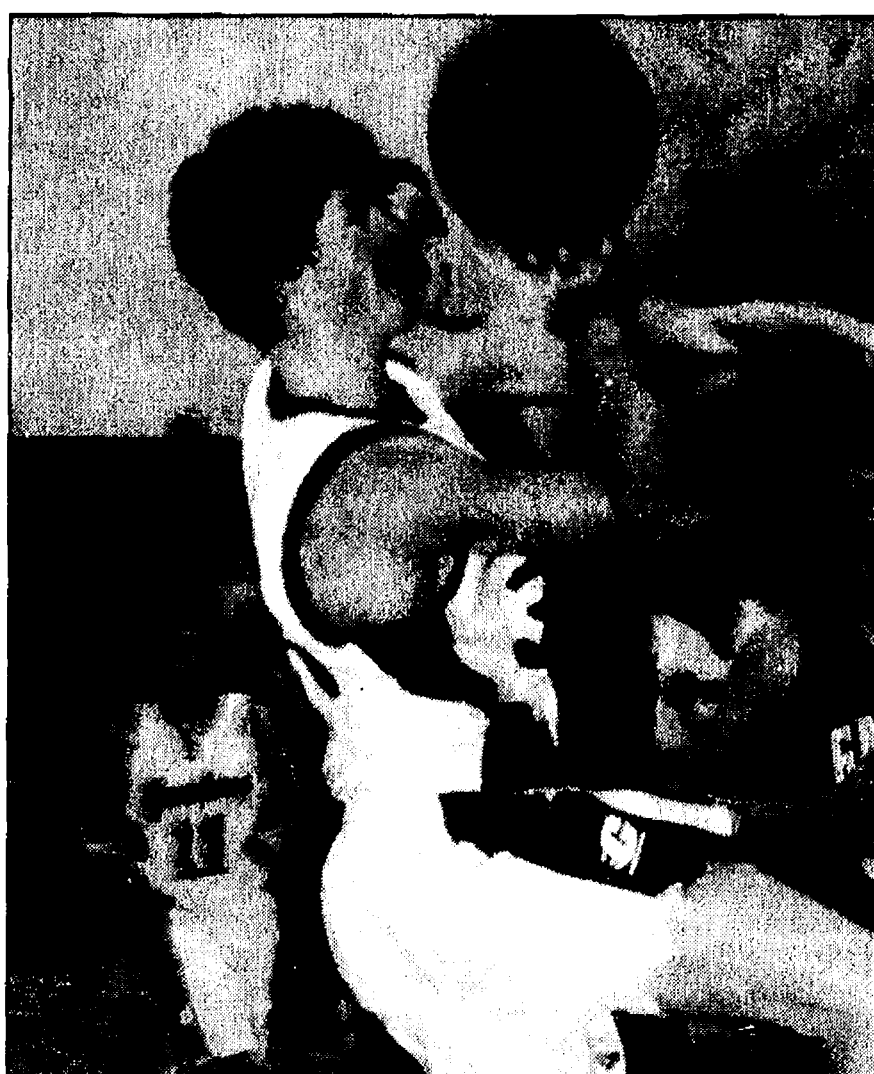
Doug Gothro, 3 points; Ross Teeple, 3 points.

"We were not very sound fundamentally on defense. We had several breakdowns in our transition defense and defending screens. With the exception of the third quarter we did not play with the energy we need to. Jacob Aubry played a nice game at the point guard for us while Mike Davis, Ross Teeple, and Doug Gothro gave us good minutes off the bench," Coach Kucharek said. "We must find a way to play four quarters of basketball and we must get hungry for a win."

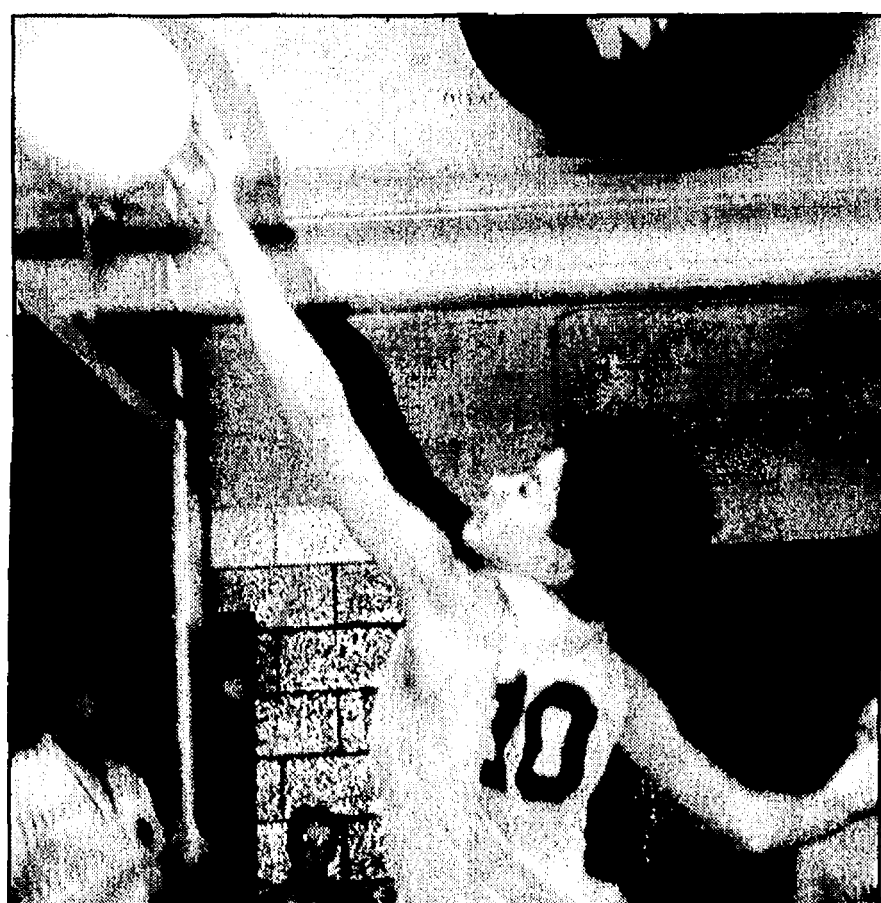
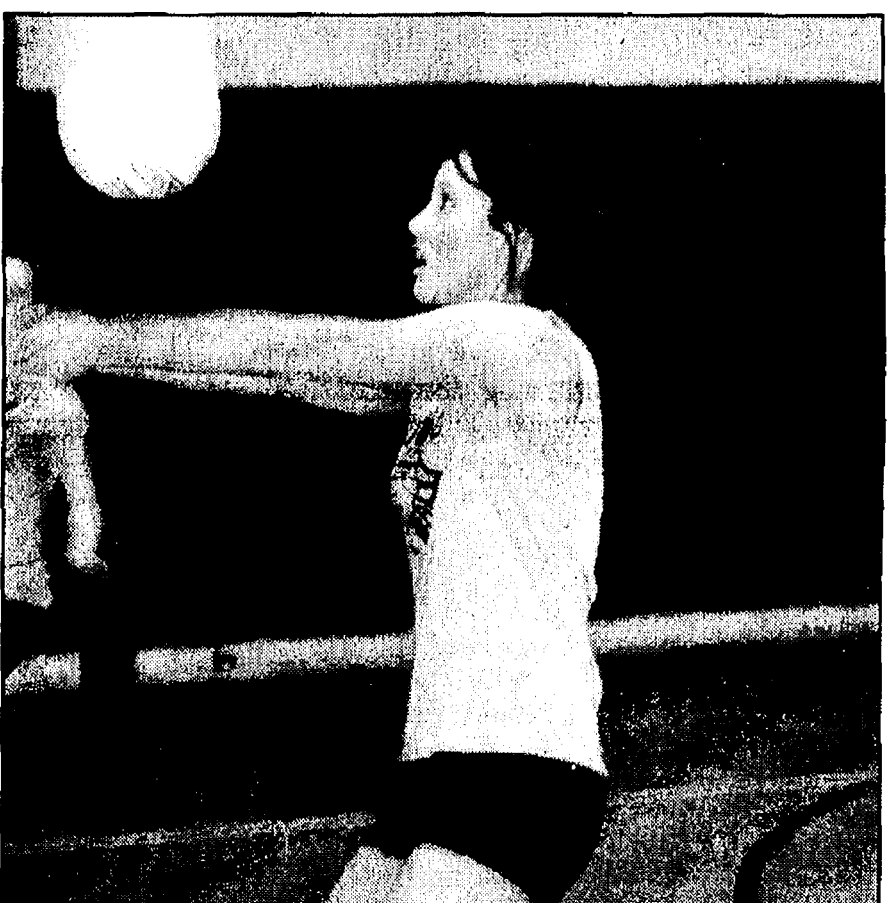
The Vikings will play at Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb 16.



Eric Ferrigan handles the ball for the JV Vikings on Tuesday night.



Spencer Dean drives to the basket for Grayling vs. Gaylord last week.



(Left) Joni Bindschatel hits the ball for Grayling on Thursday at Kalkaska. (Right) Mollie Golnick hits the ball at the net on Thursday night.

JV Vikings fall to Blazers at Kalkaska

The GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team lost a series at Kalkaska last Thursday with scores of 21-25, 18-25, and 11-15.

"We had a rough night," Coach Arica D'Amour said. "We weren't communicating and working as a team and this hurt us. We need to concentrate more on our serving and have the desire to play."

"Mollie (Golnick) and Joni (Bindschatel) did good on the net both attacking and blocking.

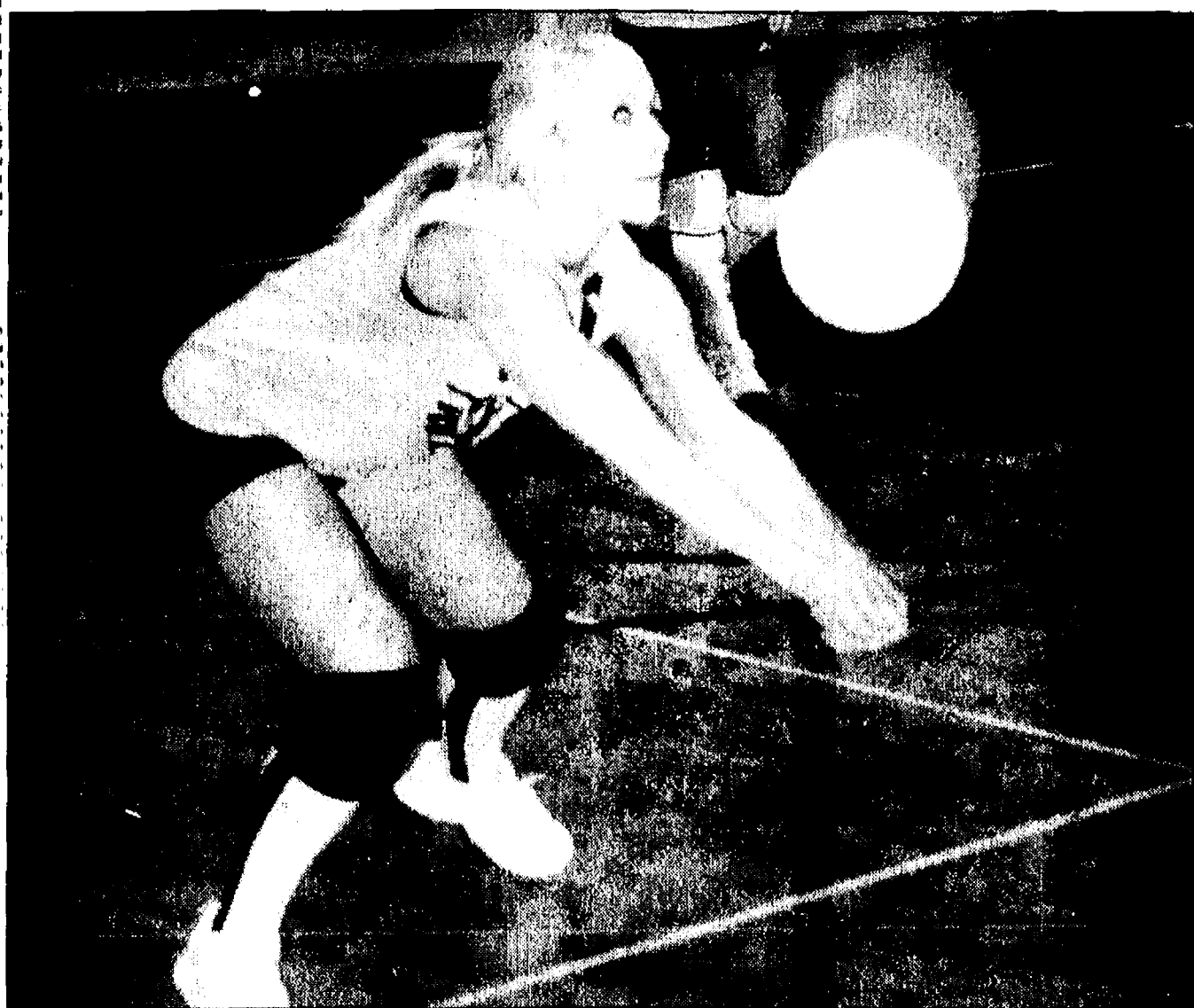
We just need to transition and make more plays," Coach D'Amour said. "Cayla (Johnson) did a great job serving, as well as Mollie and Joni."

"They know what we need to do to win and hopefully we can pull it together to finish the season strong," Coach D'Amour said.

Grayling's leaders on offense and defense included: (attacks) Jessica Bindschatel, 5-8; Jo. Bindschatel, 4-5; Golnick, 8-12; Sam Schreiber, 2-4; (serves)

Kayla Hawes, 3-4 (1 ace); Johnson, 8-10 (2 aces); Je. Bindschatel, 3-6 (2 aces); Jo. Bindschatel, 7-10 (3 aces); Schreiber, 4-4 (1 ace); Golnick, 5-6 (3 aces); Bethany Cornell 2-5 (1 ace); (digs) Hawes, 4-7; Talia Piper, 4-7; Je. Bindschatel, 3-7; Jo. Bindschatel, 4-7; Laura Johnson, 2-3; (blocks) Jo. Bindschatel, 2-3.

The Vikings will host the East Jordan Red Devils on Thursday, Feb. 22.



Kayla Hawes hits the ball for the Vikings on Thursday at Kalkaska.

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The GHS ski team celebrates its 1st and 2nd place finishes at last week's Bellaire Invitational.

Vikings place 1st, 2nd at Bellaire Invitational ski meet

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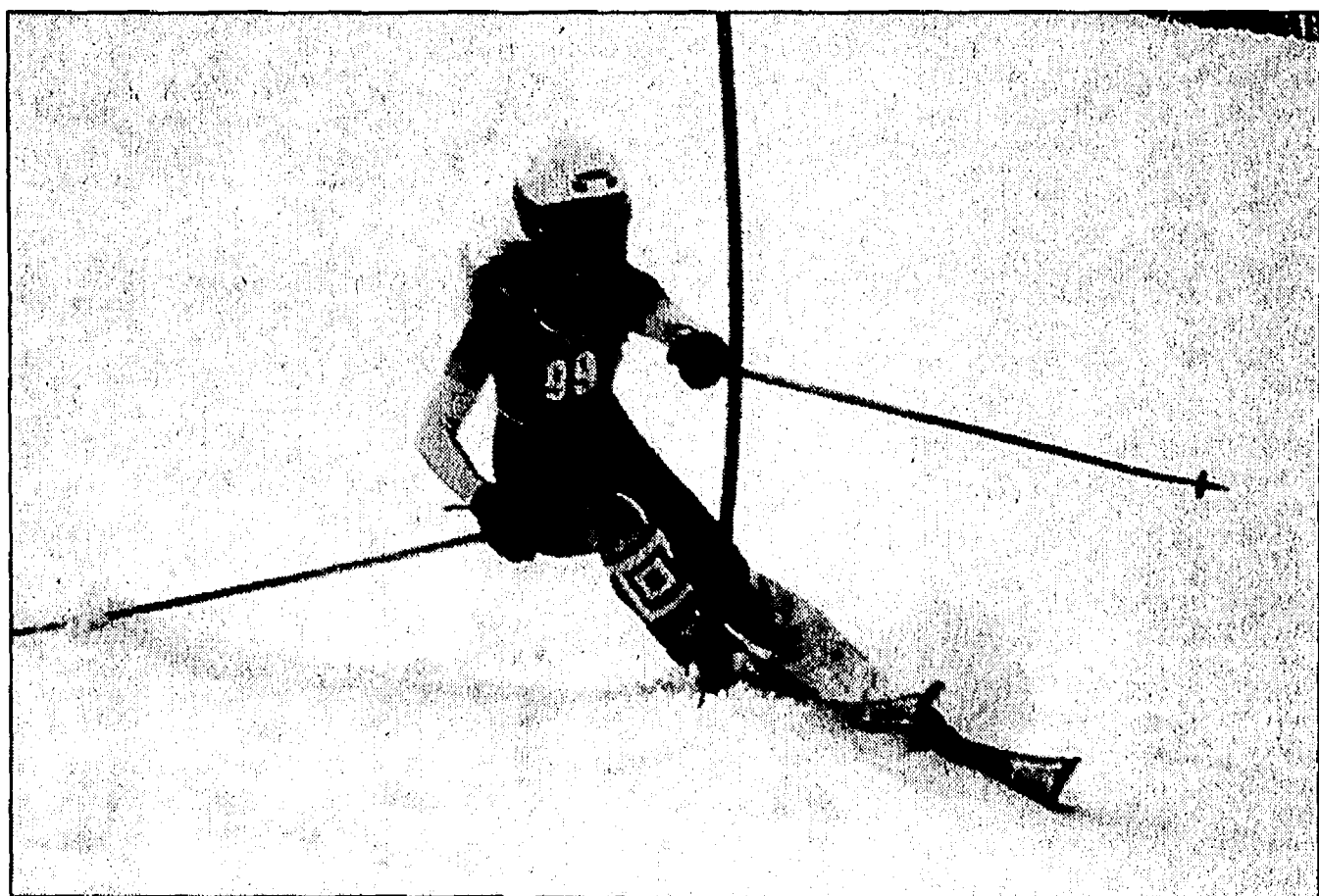
The Vikings won slalom outright and finished second in GS. The girls were led by Erica Moggo in slalom with a 2nd place finish and Hannah Smith with a 3rd place finish. Cassie Pizzi and Hailey McMahon also finished in the top 10 in slalom. Moggo, Smith and Pizzi also placed in the top 10 in GS with Heaven Bergman finishing 11th, her best career finish.

"The girls skied as good as they possibly could, they should hold their heads high. It's tough to be that close to a win and come up short, but we couldn't have skied better. This was Cassie Pizzi's first meet back after breaking two bones in her hand at the Benzie Invitational last Friday. Her hand's in a cast and she's competing - that says a lot about her character. Hannah Smith and Erica Moggo both had great days and it's great to see them ski so well, especially with regionals coming up (this) week," Coach Wagner said.

The Vikings will ski in regionals on Thursday, Feb. 15.



Jimmy Hilbrecht skis in the slalom competition for the Vikings on Friday.



Cassie Pizzi competes in the slalom event at last Friday's Bellaire Invitational.

Paul Olson
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Vikings of the Week

Hannah Smith Matt Hilbrecht

Skiing
Coach: Brad Wagner

HANNAH SMITH & MATT HILBRECHT

"Hannah had a great week, leading her team in slalom at the Traverse City Invitational and finishing top 10 in both events at the Bellaire Invitational. Matt had four good results this week. He showed great form skiing from the #1 position on Tuesday and had two great results at Bellaire especially in slalom, finishing 9th," their coach said.



Janosch Kluge skis for the Vikings on Friday.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

American Legion..... 26 - 10
Grayling Housing..... 22.5 - 13.5
Mickey Perez CPA..... 18 - 18
Woody Girls..... 18 - 18
Days Inn..... 17 - 19
Hawk Ridge Golf..... 16.5 - 19.5
Glen's Market..... 14 - 22
Gale Enterprises..... 12 - 24
High Series: M. Starks, 591; S. Johnson, 550; V. Balmes, 536.
High Game: V. Balmes, 235; M. Starks, 222; S. Johnson, 201.

National First

Faustman Insurance..... 45 - 11
J-Bar..... 39 - 17
Scott Pittman Bld..... 27 - 29
Upper Lakes..... 27 - 29
Great Lakes Mort..... 27 - 29
Continental Rental..... 22 - 34
Legion Lanes..... 19 - 37
Corky's Karaoke..... 16 - 40
High Series: P. Faustman, 654; M. Cottrell, 650; R. Sartin, 630.
High Game: M. Cottrell, 278; P.

Fasutman, 253; J. Thayer, 229.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Collen & Starks..... 26.5 - 9.5
G.L. Hauling..... 22 - 14
Forget About It..... 19.5 - 16.5
Poopsie Pin Pounders..... 18 - 18
Moshier Auto..... 16 - 20
American Legion..... 15 - 21
New "Kids"..... 14.5 - 21.5
Great Lakes Roofing..... 12.5 - 23.5
High Series Men: J. Lehman, 666; R. Sartin, 646; D. Burger, 611.
High Game Men: R. Sartin, 256; J. Lehman, 255; P. Benardo, 248.
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 596; M. Starks, 590, P. Younglove, 549.
High Game Women: J. Lehman, 243; S. Johnson, 234; P. Younglove, 221.

Senior Bowling

Grayling Pharmacy..... 67.5 - 16.5
Flowers By Josie..... 48 - 36
Bear's Den Pizza..... 42.5 - 41.5
Gaylord Electric..... 42 - 42

Kickin Grass..... 38 - 46
Spike's..... 37.5 - 46.5
Sylvester's..... 34 - 50
Lone Pine..... 26.5 - 57.5
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 481; C. Clark, 452; P. Gillies, 437.
High Game Women: M. Rysso, 181; C. Clark, 163; P. Gillies, 157.
High Series Men: P. Faustman, 635; B. Holton, 598; F. Periard, 557.
High Game Men: P. Faustman, 247; F. Periard, 219; L. Crampton, 213.

Pioneer League

McDonald's..... 19 - 1
Grayling Rest..... 12 - 8
G.B.D. Const..... 10 - 10
Cal Dutton Const..... 10 - 10
T. C. Lawncare..... 9 - 11
"5" B's..... 9 - 11
Spicy Bob's..... 6 - 14
Tim's Collision..... 5 - 15
High Series: L. Rutter, 526; C. Clark, 519; J. Coors, 509.
High Game: T. Rock, 204; L. Rutter

and J. Coors, 201.

American Men's League

McLeans ACE..... 7 - 0
GADCO..... 7 - 0
Scheer Motors..... 5 - 2
Fenton's Auto Serv..... 5 - 2
Derwich Ind..... 2 - 5
Moore's Auto..... 2 - 5
West Side Diner..... 0 - 7
Grayling Chiropractic..... 0 - 7
High Series: L. Davis, 676 and

671; J. Thayer, 629.
High Game: L. Davis, 266 and 256; J. Thayer, 256.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Cuts and More..... 29 - 13
Jerry's Jokers..... 26 - 16
Gray Rock Cafe #2..... 26 - 16
Dennco..... 23 - 19
Little Tyke Daycare..... 21 - 21
Spikes..... 19 - 23

Gray Rock Cafe #1..... 16 - 26
River Rats..... 6 - 36
High Series Men: B. Harris, 543; T. Winchel, 512; E. Brosky, 502.
High Game Men: E. Brosky, 231; M. Clark, 191; B. Harris, 189.
High Series Women: T. Rock, 505; C. Wyatt, 497; S. Harris, 405.
High Game Women: T. Rock, 208; C. Wyatt 181; T. Kirchoff, 147.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn..... 129
Two Track I..... 128
Holiday Inn..... 116
Two Track II..... 100
Sawmill..... 97
Growlers Pub..... 79
Legion..... 71
5 Ball Runs: Paula, Jeanne (2) (Sawmill), and Melonie (Holiday Inn); 6 Ball Runs: Christy

(Sawmill) and Marie (Two Track I); 7 Ball Runs: Johanna (Two Track I).

Men's Standings

Two Track I..... 71
Legion..... 57
Sawmill II..... 55
Growlers..... 44
Riverside..... 41
Sawmill I..... 39

Two Track II..... 31
Holiday Inn..... 22
8 Ball Run: Phil (Sawmill), Scott and Jeff (Legion), Jarret, John, John, Rex, and Kip (Two Track Inn); Won all six: John and Scott (Growlers), Kevin and John, Kip and Randy (Two Track Inn); 8 Ball Break: Mike Sawmill II) and Randy (Two Track Inn).

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Donald R. Burton, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 13, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 1, 2000, in Liber 513, Page(s) 394, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$36,060.48, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Donald R. Burton, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 11.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on March 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 330.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43'00" WEST, 584.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 25'00" WEST, 311.97 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35'30" WEST, 584.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 26'00" EAST 310.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43'00" EAST, 584.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST SUBJECT TO A 15.0 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT OVER THE EAST SIDE THEREOF. SAID EASEMENT TO BE USED FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT 33.0 FEET WIDE LYING 16.5 FEET EACH SIDE OF AND ADJACENT TO A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 956.50 FEET TO THE 1/8 LINE FOR THE PLACE OF ENDING. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 66.00 FEET WIDE EASEMENT LYING 33.0 FEET EACH SIDE OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 3, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 24'00" WEST ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE, 643.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 35'30" WEST, 634.15 FEET TO THE PLACE OF ENDING. A 60.0 FOOT RADIUS CIRCLE ALL OF WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THIS EASEMENT HAS AS ITS CENTER THE ABOVE NAMED POINT OF ENDING.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.)

By:

DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee 1
241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660

Dated: February 1, 2007

-8-15-22-1-8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James Edward Werthman, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005, and recorded on August 15, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 769, "in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eighty-Two And 49/100 Dollars (\$63,082.49), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East 33 Feet to the Point of Beginning, Thence South 89 Degrees 17 Minutes East on the East-West 1/4 Line of said Section 400 Feet, Thence North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes East 133 Feet, Thence North 89 Degrees 17 Minutes West 400 Feet, Thence South 00 Degrees 03 Seconds East to the Point of Beginning, but Reserving unto the Grantors Herein a 20 Foot Easement along the Southerly Edge of Such Property for Purposes of Ingress and Egress to the Property Immediately to the East.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
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Trott & Trott, P.C.
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #125323F01

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Todd H Nye and Kathleen J Nye, husband and wife, as joint tenants with the rights of survivorship to Option One Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated October 7, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 678 Page 63 Crawford County Records,

Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-0PT2, by assignment dated October 27, 2006 and recorded November 13, 2006 in Liber 684, Page 119, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$77,601.93) including interest 11.6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM on Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-1: A parcel of land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, State of Michigan, being part of Parcel A as shown on the Certificate of Survey recorded in Liber 136, Page 88 in the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 6, Town 25 North, Range 3 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 6; thence North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along the West line of said section 919.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, along said section line, 196.62 feet; thence North 89 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 660.00; thence South 00 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West 196.59 feet; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 45 seconds West 660.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right of way of Oak Road over the Westerly 33 feet thereof

Commonly known as 6793 S Oak Rd, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 25, 2007 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-0PT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-0PT2,

Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jane A. Marshall, A Single Woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 23, 2004, and recorded on December 28, 2004 in Liber 673 on Page 49, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Indymac Bank P.S.B. as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the

date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine And 32/100 Dollars (\$209,579.32), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South One-Half of Lot 7, Entire Lots 8 and 9 excepting the South 30 Feet of Lot 9, Moon River Heights Subdivision. Together with an undivided interest in Beaver Dam Park and Beaver Lane.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeani Stepke, An Unmarried Woman and Larry M. Ebersole, A Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 15, 2005, and recorded on November 28, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 684, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One And 79/100 Dollars (\$122,881.79), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 7, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the West half of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, Described as follows: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 1104.91 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 466.01 feet to an intermediate traverse line along Kolka Creek; thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 32 seconds West along said traverse line 199.61 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds East 470.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 27 minutes 33 seconds West

199.74 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records. The North and South Lot lines extend Westerly to Kolka Creek. Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from Twin Peaks Road being 33.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.87 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 329.63 feet; thence South 05 degrees 34 minutes 34 seconds West 354.39 feet to the centerline of Twin Peaks Road and the point of ending of this centerline description. Also together with and subject to a 30 foot wide driveway and utility easement for ingress and egress from a private drive being 15.0 feet each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the South quarter corner of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds East along the North-South quarter line of said Section 11 a distance of 1327.05 feet to a concrete monument found at the eighth corner of said Section 11; thence continuing along said North-South quarter line North 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East 1529.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 19 seconds West 660.87 feet; thence South 04 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds West 103.69 feet; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 34 seconds West 81.52 feet to the point of beginning of this centerline description; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 19 seconds West 431.87 feet to the point of ending of this centerline description, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 1, 2007
For more information, please call:
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-1-8-15-22

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Stacey L. Hoover and Kimberly A. Hoover, husband and wife, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated March 4, 2002, and was recorded on March 7, 2002, in Liber 0572 on page 406 through 414 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$66,523.63, including interest at 7.25% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, and is described as:

Part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, T26N, R3W, Grayling Twp., Crawford County, Michigan:

Commencing at the SE corner of said Section 3, thence N 1° 25' E (along the East section line), 662.07 ft to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89° 25' 40" W (recorded as N 89° 25' 40" W), 329.52 ft, thence N 1° 24' 05" E, 330.93 ft, thence N 89° 20' 40" E, 329.63 ft to the E section line, thence S 1° 25' W, 331.04 ft to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO and use of a 33 ft road and utility easement lying 33 ft North and adjacent to a line described as commencing at the SE corner of Section 3, T26N, R3W, thence N 1° 25' E (along the East section line), 662.07 ft to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89° 25' 40" W 988.57 ft to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a (c) expires, whichever is later.

Dated: February 6, 2007

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER P.C.
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
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Mortgagee
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DANIEL D. PEER and MICHELLE PEER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2006, and recorded on October 10, 2006, in Liber 683, on Page 597, and assigned by said mortgagee to INVESTAID CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Forty-Two Dollars and Four Cents (\$150,042.04), including interest at 12.440% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 21, 2007

Said premises are situated in Township of SOUTH BRANCH, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: BEING THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4, SECTION 13, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, TAX ID NO. 063-013-006-020-00

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 90 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 8, 2007
INVESTAID CORPORATION
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-15-22-1-8

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric Hoffman, a Married Man and Tina M Hoffman, his Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 1, 2005, and recorded on June 21, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 992, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six And 73/100 Dollars (\$103,856.73),

including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 61, Sherwood Forest No. 2, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #129251F01

-15-22-1-8

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chadwick J. Ellis, a Single Man aka Chad Ellis, original mortgagor(s), to CMS Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2005, and recorded on August 2, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 454, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance, LLC as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven And 93/100 Dollars (\$84,697.93), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Block 20, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #128722F01

-15-22-1-8

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nicole Babbitt a married woman and Raymond Babbitt a married man, joint tenancy with full rights of survivor ship., original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 13, 2005, and recorded on July 6, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 156, and assigned by said Mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety Thousand Two

Hundred Sixty And 88/100 Dollars (\$90,260.88), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 28, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 307.5 feet of Lot 4, the East half of Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 6, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #114196F03

-25-1-8-15

2007 CRAWFORD COUNTY TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS

CLASS	ASSESSED	EQUALIZED	RATIOS	FACTORS
BEAVER CREEK - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	106,400	121,121	43.51	1.1492
201 Commercial	4,275,300	4,086,503	52.31	0.9558
301 Industrial	13,350,200	13,350,200	50.00	1.0000
401 Residential	63,859,500	66,798,640	47.80	1.0460
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	81,580,400	84,358,464		
TOTAL PERSONAL	24,810,400	24,810,879	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	106,400,800	109,167,343		
FREDERIC - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,248,100	2,262,580	49.88	1.0064
301 Industrial	437,100	490,792	44.53	1.1228
401 Residential	63,268,900	67,537,254	46.84	1.0875
501 Timber Cut-Over	1,897,400	2,105,882	45.05	1.1099
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	67,851,500	72,396,508		
TOTAL PERSONAL	7,025,300	7,025,378	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	74,876,800	79,421,886		
GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	10,069,900	10,498,227	47.96	1.0425
301 Industrial	23,166,400	24,191,060	47.88	1.0443
401 Residential	219,063,900	233,842,762	46.84	1.0875
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	252,300,200	268,532,049		
TOTAL PERSONAL	6,419,900	6,419,900	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	258,720,100	274,951,949		
LOVELLS - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	2,252,500	2,322,644	48.49	1.0311
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	65,237,300	67,645,479	48.22	1.0369
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	67,489,800	69,968,123		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,999,300	3,999,408	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	71,489,100	73,967,531		
MAPLE FOREST - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	1,052,200	1,143,198	46.02	1.0865
301 Industrial	1,621,400	1,724,526	47.01	1.0636
401 Residential	26,833,400	28,171,567	47.27	1.0578
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	29,307,000	31,039,291		
TOTAL PERSONAL	1,672,120	1,673,920	49.95	1.0010
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	30,979,120	32,713,211		
SOUTH BRANCH - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	3,936,300	4,075,668	46.29	1.0354
301 Industrial	-	-	-	-
401 Residential	114,753,400	116,619,309	49.20	1.0163
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	597,700	798,637	37.42	1.3362
TOTAL REAL	119,287,400	121,493,634		
TOTAL PERSONAL	3,319,800	3,319,800	50.00	1.0000
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	122,607,200	124,813,434		
CITY OF GRAYLING - TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2007				
101 Agricultural	-	-	-	-
201 Commercial	32,322,200	32,302,818	50.03	0.9994
301 Industrial	7,372,400	6,986,732	52.76	0.9477
401 Residential	21,628,200	21,426,788	50.47	0.9907
501 Timber Cut-Over	-	-	-	-
601 Developmental	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REAL	61,322,800	60,716,338		
TOTAL PERSONAL	8,443,200	8,444,623	49.99	1.0002
TOTAL TOWNSHIP	69,766,000	69,160,961		

Prepared by: Crawford County Equalization Department

Notice City of Grayling Board of Review

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, at 7:00 PM.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM; Friday, March 16, 1:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for real and personal property within the City of Grayling for 2007, are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Deveopmental	50.00	1.00000
Personal	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The City of Grayling will provide necessary, reasonable auxilliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting, upon seven (7) days notice to the City of Grayling.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxilliary aids or services should contact the City of Grayling by writing or calling the following:

Christie Verlac, Assessor
1020 City Blvd.
P.O. Box 549
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-2131

Christie Verlac, Assessor

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 12, 2007, at 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 15, 2007, 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearing.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2007.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2007 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agriculture	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxilliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxilliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lynn George, Clerk/ Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor
5245 M-18
P.O. Box 606
Roscommon, MI 48653
(989) 275-8232.

LEGAL ACTION

Grayling Township Planning Commission to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will meet in public session on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following:

A zoning ordinance defining rules and regulations on all properties under the legal jurisdiction of Grayling Township, including the township park, compactor/recycling center, pedestrian pathways, town hall property, and several road terminals. This ordinance would replace the current ordinance (2001-01), "Grayling Township Park Rules and Regulations."

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of request are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting rooms are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6th, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 a.m. Monday, March 12th, 2007, until 12 noon and then 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 15th from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., and also Saturday, March 17th, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738) or fax to 989-348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agriculture	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOR/pak

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2007 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;		
Mon.,	March 12, 2007	9am - noon 1pm - 4pm
Thurs.,	March 15, 2007	1pm - 4pm 6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

CRAWFORD COUNTY ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT TO THE BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY BOARD

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR AN ATTORNEY POSITION ON THE BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY.

THE BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY WILL WORK TO REDEVELOP CONTAMINATED, BLIGHTED AND/OR FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE COUNTY.

THE POSITION IS IDENTIFIED AS ONE THAT REQUIRES A LAW DEGREE. THE BOARD WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MANY DECISIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE AT MONTHLY MEETINGS. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
FEBRUARY 6, 2007

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward A. Malinowski Jr., a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 2005, and recorded on November 1, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 215, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the

sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three And 76/100 Dollars (\$54,943.76), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:

FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #128391F01

-15-22-1-8

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Craig A. Emery and Deborah L. Emery, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 4, 2002, and recorded on October 11, 2002 in Liber 600 on Page 3, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Nine And 00/100 Dollars (\$82,609.00), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 21, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 34, Shangri-La Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2007
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #128816F01

-15-22-1-8

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 06-7020 CH
KELLY FOY and MICHAEL FOY
Plaintiffs
VS
JAY RICHARD HAWKINS and
MICHELLE DANA HAWKINS
Defendant

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

NOTICE OF LAND CONTRACT FORECLOSURE BY SALE

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered in the above-entitled cause on the 7th day of December, 2006, notice is hereby given that the Crawford County Clerk shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Building in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 16th day of March, 2007 at 10:00 in the forenoon, the following described property, located in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, to wit: 116 Evergreen Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Property tax number 040-45-780-00-076-00 and otherwise known as Lots 76, 77, 78 Riverside and consists of a residential lot with residential dwelling, including an attached garage.

CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski (P47123)

-1-8-15-22-1-8

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7235 DE
Estate of Clara Louise Silk
Date of birth: Jan. 17, 1932
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clara Louise Silk, who lived at 11295 Willows Rd., Roscommon, Michigan died Jan. 14, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Darryl Lynn Silk, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. MICHIGAN AVE. GRAYLING, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 1-20-2007
Darryl L. Silk
1902 Marlette Rd
Kimball, MI 48074
810-989-0147

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 07-7237 DE
Estate of BETTY E. HENLEY.
DECEASED

Date of birth: 09/30/1930
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Betty E. Henley, who lived at 232 E. M-72, Grayling, Michigan 49738, died 12/12/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bernice W. Glass, 202 Camellia Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

David R. Sabin P19822
115 E. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-5588

Bernice W. Glass
202 Camellia Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 46TH CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

CASE NO. 06-4039GC
200 W. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738

989/348-2841
Our File No. E-11447
Plaintiff
Atlantic Credit & Finance Inc.
Assignee from Household Bank
Plaintiff's attorney
Timothy E. Baxter P28045
TIMOTHY E. BAXTER & ASSOCIATES
P.O. Box 2669
Farmington Hills, MI 48333
248/553-1155
v
Defendant
Foster J. Clark
146 S. Wakeley Bridge Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738

THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant Foster J. Clark, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s):
First class mail to 146 S. Wakeley Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738.
Publication pursuant to court rule.
3. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
Date: 2-2-07

Honorable Monte J. Burmeister
P48732

-15-22-1-8

PUBLIC NOTICE Frederic Township Property Owners

Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organization meeting at 4:30pm on March 6, 2007. The Board of Review will then meet to hear individual tax assessment appeals as per the follow schedule.

March 13, 2007	2pm-5pm and 6pm-9pm
March 17, 2007	9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Each of these meetings will take place in the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 - Frederic, MI 49733.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

CRAWFORD COUNTY FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE BOARD POSITIONS

THE CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY STEERING COMMITTEE.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SINCERE COMMITMENT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY RESTORATION PROJECT. MEMBERS MUST HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD THAT SUCCESS OTHER THAN SIMPLY ATTENDING MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE. TO EXPERIENCE WITH FUND RAISING AND, IDEALLY, HAVE GRANT SEEKING ABILITIES.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A COUNTY RESIDENT BUT MUST PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND AID THE WORK OF HISTORICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS WITHIN THE COUNTY. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERK SANDRA MOORE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2007 AT 3:30 P.M. OR MAY BE OBTAINED ON LINE THRU www.crawfordco.org AND RETURNED TO CRAWFORD COUNTY CLERK 200 MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738.

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK
FEB. 6, 2007

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS! 2007 DOG LICENSE FEES:

\$15.00 for male and female animals
\$8.00 for spayed or neutered animals

WARNING!!

Beginning March 1

All License Fees Will Be \$25.00

YOU MUST HAVE PROOF OF SPAYING OR NEUTERING AND PROOF OF A VALID RABIES VACCINATION IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A DOG LICENSE.

Before March 1st you may purchase your license at the following locations:

Beaver Creek Township Hall
Frederic Township Hall
South Branch Township Hall
Crawford County Treasurer's Office
Grayling Hospital for Animals
Roscommon Veterinary Clinic
Animal Shelter of Crawford County
Crawford County Animal Control Officer

After March 1st you may purchase your license at the following locations:

Crawford County Treasurer's Office
Grayling Hospital for Animals
Roscommon Veterinary Clinic
Animal Shelter of Crawford County
Crawford County Animal Control Office

Any Questions Please Call Treasurer's Office at 344-3204

PUBLIC NOTICE

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
February 16, 1984

Crawford County, its Sheriff department, and seven members of the sheriff dept., have been named defendants in a \$2 million lawsuit filed by Fredrick and Emma Ahms, formerly of Grayling Township. The Ahmses are asking for \$2 million in damages because their rights under the 4th, 8th, 9th, and 14th amendments of the U.S. Constitution and the Civil Rights Act were allegedly violated by the sheriff department members.

Robert Montgomery, 14, roused his brothers and sisters, ages 12, 10, 2, and 5 months, out of bed and led or carried them to safety outside their burning house. The fire started about 10:20 p.m., on Feb. 6, from grease Montgomery was using to make french fries. Sheriff Joe White said the boy showed excellent composure with a fire burning in the kitchen and smoke filling the one-story house.

Brett Stockton of Grayling, was the overall winner at the Frederic Loppet cross-country ski race at Forbush. John Kasic of Roscommon was second. Other local finishers were Todd Gabriel, fourth overall, Jim Gardiner, second in mens 20-24, Peter Kuhl, first in mens 35-39, and Anjanette Pratt, first in womens 17 and under.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, many members of Troop 997 awoke from a most chilling experience. They found out what it was like to sleep in a snowbank, this along with about 9 more hours spent outside. This will have earned them the Polar Bear Award. The event was held at Greenwood Campground in Alger.

Grayling Middle School students Tracy Schanz, Hannah Peterson, Mike McNamara, Scott Lehto, Melanie Ojala, Clark Moore, Margarita Perez, Derrick Christman, Matt Matewicz, Nicole Trenary, Todd Laitinen, and Brian Gribowskas will represent GMS at a regional math competition in Cadillac, supervised by Bill Bedford. They earned top math scores at the middle school in a state competition.

Tom Welsh and Bill Scheer received retirement awards for their many years of faithful service to Scheer Motors Inc. Bill founded the local dealership in 1965 and Tom came to the company as a heavy technician in 1967.

46 Years Ago
February 16, 1961

A hot Grayling Vikings basketball team, that led the conference early in the season, has come upon hard days. As the result of two losses in two consecutive games, Grayling has tumbled

from first into a three way tie for third.

As a result of a unanimous decision by the Citizens School Study Committee recommending that the Grayling School Board attempt to purchase the property on Michigan Avenue being part of the property known as Connine's Grove, members of the school board attended a city council meeting to propose that a resolution be placed on the April ballot to allow the city to sell the property in question to the school for a future building site.

The Frederic Eagles basketball team took a 105 to 39 trouncing at the hands of the Bellaire Eagles last Friday at Bellaire.

Roy McEvers tells us that his daughter Vicki, who won the cherry pie contest in Grayling, received a ninth place honorable mention for her pie in the state competition in Grand Rapids.

69 Years Ago
February 17, 1938

Howard Granger is taking a month off from his duties as pharmacist at the Mac & Gidley drug store, and Robert Funck from his electrical business, as they left Tuesday by motor on a pleasure trip to Florida and other southern cities. They plan to attend Mardi Gras in New Orleans and visit the Chris Hoelsli's and the Grant Shaw's, who are wintering in Fla.

Mrs. Agnes Bissonette, city health officer, reports 15 cases of mumps, with more showing up

every day; one case of scarlet fever, and one case of chickenpox. The mumps seem to have originated in the fifth grade at school. Miss Douglas, the teacher, is one of the victims.

Sherman Neal, who has been a janitor at the Grayling school for a long number of years has resigned to take a similar job at the local post office. Oscar Goss is the new school janitor and the change took effect Tuesday.

92 Years Ago
February 18, 1915

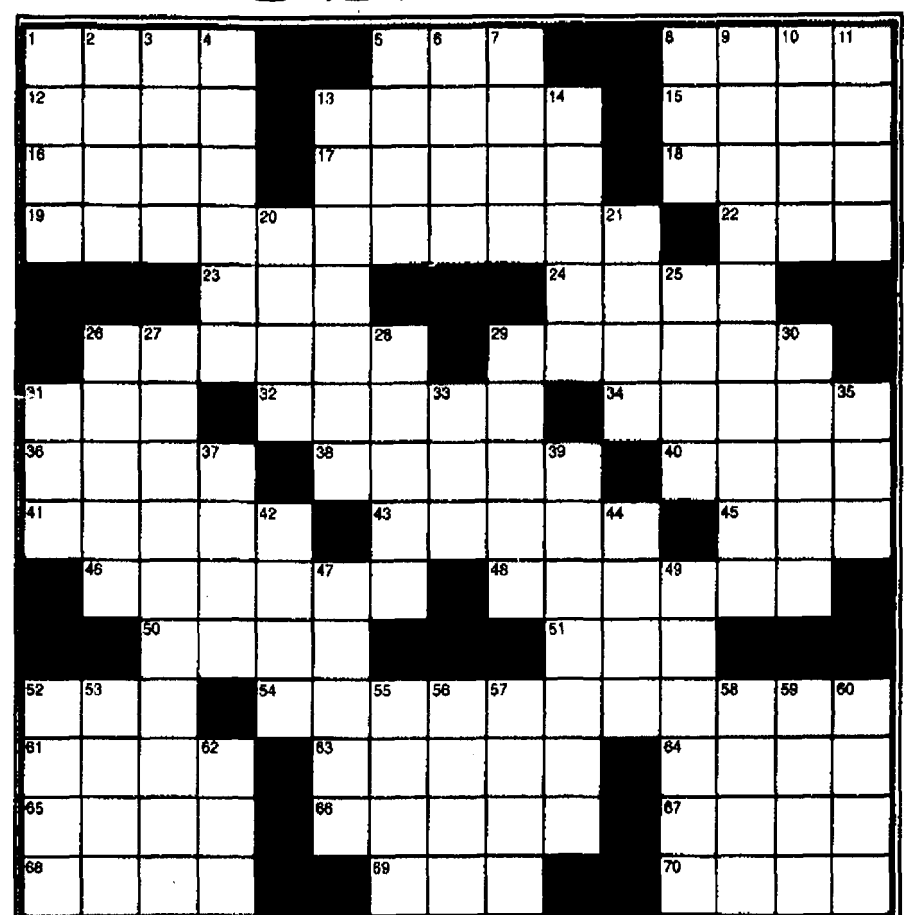
On Friday evening of last week, the first annual ball and banquet of the local order of the Knights of Pythias proved to be one of the most enjoyable dancing parties ever held in Grayling. At about 11 p.m. groups of about 75 the guests were escorted to the new Russell hotel where a pleasant banquet was served. It was after 4 a.m. before the dance door closed and even at that late hour many were reluctant to leave.

Nada Lee, of Lovells, is a new pupil in the high school.

H. Joseph left for Detroit and New York Wednesday to purchase new spring stock for the Grayling Mercantile Co. Mrs. H. Joseph returned from Milwaukee on Tuesday, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Harry Fredman, who will remain here for several weeks.

T.E. Douglas, while doing a little repair work, struck his knee a severe blow with a sledge hammer one day last week.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- One _ Over the Cuckoo's Nest.
 - Colloquialism for Vietnam.
 - Act of deciding to do something.
 - Run easily.
 - Soft quilt usually filled with the down of the elder.
 - Toward the mouth.
 - Person regarded with blind adoration.
 - Acronym for European Terrestrial Ecosystem Modelling Activity.
 - Inflammatory disease of the sebaceous glands.
 - Contaminated with infecting organisms.
 - Objective case of "she."
 - District in the country of Nauru.
 - Central area of a church.
 - Threefold quantity.
 - Bear witness to.
 - Various colorful, cultivated forms of the common carp.
 - Stop made by a touring theatrical group to give a performance.
 - Item inserted in a written record.
 - Municipality in the county of Hordaland, Norway.
 - Various willows having pliable twigs used in basketry.
 - Wearisome.
 - Offensively malodorous.
 - Remove from office.
 - Numerous social insects of the family Formicidae.
 - Extending toward the middle.
 - Contraction of "it would."
 - Have a distinctive unpleasant odor.
 - Projecting molding on the underside of a ceiling.
 - Chum.
 - Divisor of a fraction.
 - Town in Holland.
 - Muted green, used especially in tweed and woolen garments.
 - Roman emperor from 54 to 68.
 - Western Nevada city at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.
 - Condensed, but memorable saying embodying some important fact of experience taken as true by many people.
 - Common European kite.
 - Reverse the doing of something.
 - Large Israeli settlement.
 - Things that cause suffering.
- Down
- Act of throwing the ball to another team member.
 - Body of ore set off from adjacent rock formations.
 - Series of events suitable for treatment in epic poetry.
 - Confused multitude of things.
 - Alonzo... a representative from New Hampshire in 1866.
 - Declare solemnly and formally as true.
 - 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
 - Extinct, flightless bird of New Zealand.
 - Composed for an orchestra.
 - Metal fin attached to the tail of a missile to stabilize it.
 - River in central Germany.
 - Existing in fact whether with lawful authority or not.
 - Sarcastic reproach.
 - Indeed.
 - Satisfy the appetite of.
 - Self from place to place.
 - Animal considered as the emblem of a clan.
 - Remote, undeveloped area.
 - Upright tripod for displaying something.
 - Very skilled at.
 - Popular taste at a given time.
 - State of dreamy tranquility.
 - Quantity of no importance.
 - Within an indefinite time.
 - Short for Enhanced IDE.
 - Something that has been written again.
 - They _ With Their Boots On.
 - Part on either side of the spine between the lower ribs and the hipbone.
 - Fictional character in Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book.
 - River in central Africa.
 - South American country on the Pacific coast.
 - Former British colony and protectorate.
 - Point in astronomy where an orbit crosses a plane.
 - Having the general shape of an egg.
 - Zoroastrian priests of ancient Media and Persia who possessed supernatural powers.
 - Express verbally.
 - Russian city on the Oka River.
 - Long, thin poles made of wood or metal.
 - Noise characteristic of bovines.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Citrus Guacamole

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|-----|---------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1 | red grapefruit | 1/2 | teaspoon garlic |
| 2 | large ripe avocados | | powder |
| 2-3 | tablespoons minced | | (add more to flavor) |
| | purple onion | 1/2 | teaspoon salt |
| 2 | tablespoons sour | | |
| | cream | | |

Peel and section grapefruit, reserving 2 tablespoons of juice. Measure 1 cup sections; cut into bite-size pieces and set aside. Peel avocados; mash with a fork until somewhat smooth, leaving some small chunks. Add the remaining ingredients and stir well. Gently fold in grapefruit juice and sections. Serve immediately or cover and chill until serving time. Yield: about 3 cups.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



Huck
is a 4 year old Beagle/Lab mix. He is very affectionate and appears to be housebroken. This dog is waiting for a loving new home.

Blossom

is a 9 month old medium-haired Tabby. She is beautiful, active and friendly. This girl does well with other cats and would make a great family pet.



The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

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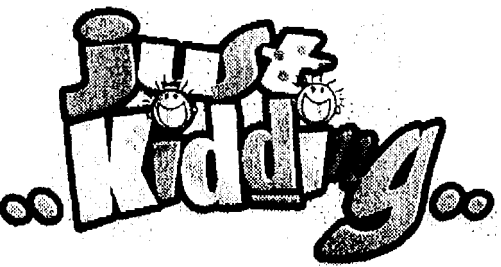
Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

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2/11	18	5	0.01
2/12	22	-2	0
2/13	23	-4	0

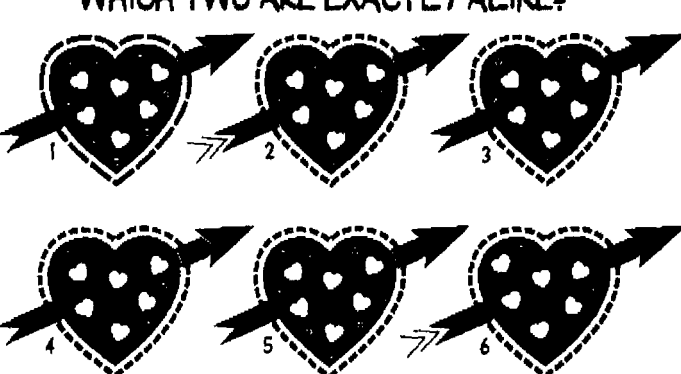
Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 18	High 23	High 26	High 22	High 34	High 31
Low 11	Low 13	Low 13	Low 12	Low 24	Low 20
Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy



FIND THE TWINS

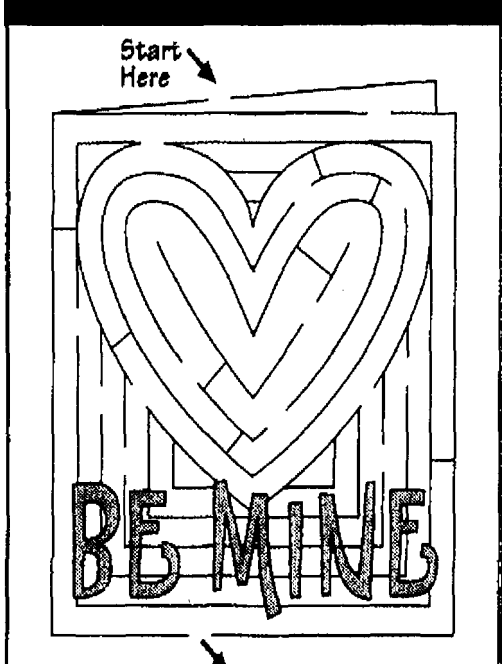
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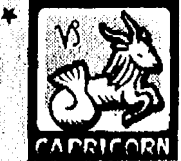
Limelight was how a stage was lit before electricity was invented. Basically, illumination was produced by heating blocks of lime until they glowed.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of February 15, 2007



CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

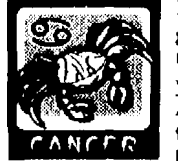
The smell of sweet success does not elude you this week. All eyes are on you to come up with solution after solution, and you will not fail.



ARIES

March 21-April 19

Special times call for special touches. Don't look now, Aries, but someone close to you is working to make your weekend extra nice. Make sure you return the favor.



CANCER

June 22-July 22

Be patient, Cancer. All good things come to those who wait, and you are no exception. A trust at work kicks the rumor mill into high gear. Don't add fuel to the fire.



LIBRA

September 23-October 22

Good fortune calls on you, and you will prosper more if you share the glory with others. A trip to someplace exotic does wonders for a relative's outlook.



AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

Romance is in the air, and you're the apple of someone's eye. Aquarius. Enjoy all of the gifts and accolades while they last. A tickle of the ivories makes for a special evening.



TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Love letters of long ago remind you how important it is not to take those near and dear to your heart for granted. A mission is accomplished.



LEO

July 23-August 22

Small pleasantries are not your style, but you find yourself exchanging them a lot lately. Don't be too hard on yourself. It is the week of love, after all.



SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

Passion strikes, and you scurry to show that special someone how much you care. Scorpio. A turn of events at home lightens the load and frees up time.



PISCES

February 19-March 20

Cupid's arrow is aimed at you. Go ahead, shake things up a little and have some fun. A project at work moves into the final stages. Pay attention to detail.



GEMINI

May 21-June 21

Have a heart, Gemini, and ease up on the workload. Your coworkers are nearing burnout. A blast from the past comes roaring into town. Get ready to have a ball!



VRGO

August 23-September 22

Pleas for help do not go unheard. Be grateful, Virgo, and make sure you say thank you. Magical times await you this weekend. Have fun!



SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

The cat is out of the bag, and everyone finally learns your secret this week. There is no need for you to despair. You have many more tricks up your sleeve.

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Rock bottom price! 27 acres, 8 bedrooms, 3 baths, over 4,000 S.F. Lower level needs a little TLC otherwise the home is in very good condition. Features 2 kitchens, 2 livingrooms and so much more... \$169,900 #5714



Awesome package! Handicap accessible & features 2 baths, livingroom, family room, w/door to back yard decking. Family room would also make an excellent master bedroom suite. Basement has den, 2nd laundry hook up, and a rec/family room. \$117,500 #5752



Nice 800 S.E. mobile with 300 S.F. guest cabin. Many updates include new electrical, new well, new roof on mobile and steel roof on guest cabin. Near the main-stream of the AuSable River and state land. \$36,000 #5783



50 acres in Beaver Creek Township. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has generous living room space with brick fireplace & vaulted ceilings. Kitchen/dining area are also very spacious with hardwood flooring. Full basement is partially finished. \$249,500 #5756



20 acres of property!! This mobile home offers 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Property has shed and 2nd trailer. All this located in the Lovells area for only \$69,000.00 #5651



Motivated seller willing to look at all reasonable offers. Remodeled 3 bedroom, 1 bath home sitting on 10 acres on a county maintained road. Attached garage, 3 door pole barn with electric and lift master door openers. \$119,900 #5733

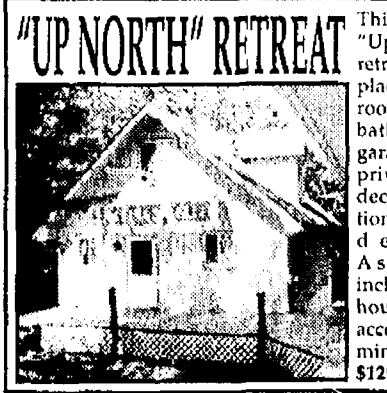


Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring a large living room w/fireplace and glass door to extensive back decking. Large fenced yard and a deeded easement to 600 feet of the Manistee River. #5789 \$132,000

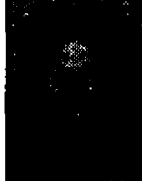


COMMERCIAL building with high visibility from Old 27 and County Road 612, in Frederic. Lot is approx. 100 x 200 and the building is 1456 S.F. with an office and bathroom facility. Mobile home slab on property. \$89,500 #5790

Featured Listing

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BY OWNER: 205 State Street, Grayling. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, newly remodeled, \$89,000. 231-263-0231. Cell, 989-619-5561. (2/08/07)(f/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling. Price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06)(f/1)

AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE NEW LISTINGS e-mailed to you. Call us at 348-5474 or email to cnt21@i2k.com Century 21 River Country Real Estate. Visit our web: www.century21grayling.com (2/23/06)(f/1)

REDUCED COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL. M-72 West close to town, 2 lots, 103 feet, 2 bedroom mobile, new 4 inch well, footings and crawl space insulation, new paint and carpet and storage building. \$52,900 by owner. 989-348-7355 (12/7/06)(f/1)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT \$425 and up, some pet restrictions. Also trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06)(f/2)

WORKING IN THE AREA and need housing by the week or month? We can help. North Country Lodge. 348-8471. (LR/15/06/2)

NICE, CLEAN 2 bedroom home, gas heat, carpet throughout, minutes from town. \$475, plus deposit. Call 989-348-5428. (11/30/06)(f/2)

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LAKESIDE LIVING! 58 FEET ON BEAUTIFUL CRAWFORD LAKE. Attractive waterfront cottage on 160 acre all sports lake, enjoy the sunrise from this clean 2 bedroom, 1 bath home offering 775 sq. ft. Features include open kitchen, dining and living area. Patio door off living room overlooking the lake. New maple floors in both bedrooms. Oak floor in kitchen and dining room. Drywall throughout with fresh paint. New bathroom vanity. Snack bar in kitchen. New aluminum dock with 8 x 10 platform. Turn key. Possession at closing. CS-2388 \$177,900



A HOME WITH DRAMATIC FLAIR! This contemporary home, built in 1995 has a view of Lake Marguerite and paved public lake access 1/2 block away. Offers 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1,530 sq. ft. bonus room, kitchen offers ceramic counters and beautiful oak kitchen cabinets with pantry. Cathedral ceiling, recessed lighting, vinyl siding and windows, drywall throughout. 2 car finished heated attached garage. 2 sheds. Guest cottage or rental income. 2 bedroom, 1 bath offers 812 sq. ft. with walk out patio door onto large deck with seating. CS-2396 \$197,000

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BEAUTIFUL WOODED SETTING ONLY 1/2 MILE FROM CITY LIMITS. 1,308 s.f. home with 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Home is located on blacktop street with drywall interior and natural gas. 24 x 30 garage and concrete driveway. Adjoining lot available for \$14,900.00 CH-2353 \$89,900

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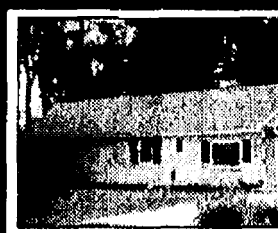
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Frontage on blacktop road, excellent for horses and growing crops. 10 Acres adjoining to the North is also available. #240907 \$54,900



Golf and ski - this parcel includes membership for both golfing and skiing. Large site with well wooded mature hardwoods #244280 \$34,500



Ideal building site on 8th hole. Overlook this beautiful fairway from the deck of your new custom built home. Enjoy year-round recreation on golf course or winter skiing. #244588 \$39,000



Nice building lots with all the amenities of Warbler's Hideaway. #244662 \$4,700



Note - do not attempt to enter mobile home - very dangerous!! This is an improved lot. There is an existing single-wide mobile that cannot be repaired and an existing well and septic that was working the last time it was used. Owner has no money to remove mobile home. #247267 \$14,900

Annual Home Inspection
Open Monday
Home Friday
Avalanche

2. For Rent

FULLY FURNISHED, SPOT-LESS 800 sq. ft. house near Lake Margrethe. \$650, plus utilities. Non-smoking only, references. 989-348-8627. (1/04/06tf/2)

LOVELY COUNTRY SETTING 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, garage, wood heat available. Short term lease available. \$600 per month, plus utilities. Call 348-2473. (1/25/07tf/2)

BRAND NEW COMMUNITY Luxury living at affordable rents. 2 or 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, central air, washer and dryer included. Free car port. Located in Kalkaska. Model open. Call 231-258-5300 or visit www.myvillageatriversedge.com. (LR2/22/06/2)

RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS 420 Hannah and 239 - 249 Ballenger Street in Roscommon is updating the waiting list for one, two, three, and four bedroom units. Rent is based on income with some rent subsidy. Barrier free units in building. Applications on site or call Beverly at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd, 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD, 1-800-855-1155. (-8-15-22/2)

FOR RENT Efficiency apartment on river, completely furnished, all utilities paid. Call 348-8350. (2/08/07tf/2)

GRAYLING Now accepting applications for the Arbor Court Apartments. Under new management. Spacious 2 bedrooms apartments available. Rent base on 30% of adjusted gross income. Equal Housing. For more information call 989-732-6237. (-15-22/2)

2/3 BEDROOM APARTMENT all utilities, plus cable, \$550/month. 1 bedroom with bar, all utilities, plus cable, \$450/month. First and last month required. Call after 2 pm. Renee, 989-889-5248. (-15-22/2)

2. For Rent

GRAYLING Small, updated 2 bedroom near Lake Margrethe. \$500/month, plus utilities, deposit. No pets. 989-344-2482. (-15-22/2)

3. Employment

ATTENTION DRIVERS no experience necessary. TMC Transportation needs drivers. \$650 per week guaranteed. Off weekends. Local CDL training. 800-882-7364. (LR3/01/07/3)

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES Hilltop Manor Healthcare Center is currently recruiting for the position of Director of Social Services. This is an excellent opportunity for a caring, compassionate, licensed social worker. Primary job responsibilities include working with facility management to ensure the social services needs of the facility's residents are met, and working one on one with residents related to the social services component of care. Qualified candidates must hold a Social Work license in the state of Michigan and have experience in the nursing home setting. We offer a competitive wage and benefits package. Candidates may submit resumes and salary requirements in confidence to Kyle Fassett, Administrator, Hilltop Manor Healthcare Center, 1290 East Michigan Highway, Roscommon, MI 48653, via fax at 989-275-4808, or via email at admin@hilltopmanorhealth.com. EOE. (-8-15-22/3)

ARE YOU LOOKING for a challenging position as a home health aide? Compassionate Care Home Health Services has such a position available in the Gaylord area. We are seeking individuals that are willing to work 12 hour shifts and obtain a valuable learning experience in a challenging environment. Past experience would be a plus. Please call Arlene or Debbie toll free, 1-866-705-8844 or locally at 989-705-8844. (-8-15/3)

3. Employment

OFFICE CLERK Computer experience, must possess good typing and customer service skills, QuickBooks a plus, part-time. Send resumes to: Hometown Heating and Cooling, 6840 W. M-72, Grayling, MI 49738. Attn: Bob. No phone calls please. (-8-15/3)

B & B SPORTS CENTER-MARINA is accepting resumes for a marine mechanic and a dock/outdoor worker. Positions are open for the 2007 summer season and are seasonal positions. Resumes can be mailed to B & B Sports Center-Marina, 431 Clare Blvd., Roscommon, MI 48653. Resumes will be accepted until 3/1/07. (-15-1/3)

2007 NEW YEARS EXPANSION General help, \$600 per week to start. Qualify for February/March bonus. Local office outlet for large Michigan corporation has several immediate openings. No experience necessary. Call 1-866-731-7890 to set up an interview. (LR3/08/06/3)

HELP WANTED: The Brook Retirement Community - Roscommon is looking for a contingent/part-time nurse's aide for 2nd and 3rd shift; contingent/part-time cook - days. Complete application at The Brook, 195 State Street, Roscommon, Monday - Friday, 9 am - 3 pm. (-15-22/3)

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY: Kirtland Community College of Roscommon, Michigan is seeking applicants for director of the Kirtland Community College library. For a complete position description, salary, and application information, visit our website at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs or call 989-275-5000, ext. 239 to have a posting mailed to you. Application deadline March 2, 2007. Equal Opportunity Employer. (-15/3)

3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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2. For Rent

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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5. For Sale

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FOR SALE: 2 Arctic Cat snowmobiles. 1996 Cougar with reverse, \$1,200. Also, 1999 Jag Deluxe with electric start, \$1,900. Both have low mileage and have been well taken care of. Call 989-344-7498. (-15/5)

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J. DAP CO. storewide sale! Everything is on sale 10% - 60% off. Hurry in, this is a one week sale only. The sale ends Sat., Feb. 17. J. Dap is located at 118 Michigan Ave., in Grayling. (-15/5)

6. Wanted

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8. Announcements

FAMILY, GRIEF or general counseling. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (7/13/06tf/8)

AUCTION Feb. 17, 10 am, Perry Creek and M-33, Mio. Pottery, porcelains, glass, collectibles, art, advertising, toys, knives, guns, furniture, coins and more. View online. Lets Talk Auction Company. (989) 848-5158. www.LetsTalkAuction.com (-15/8)

8. Announcements

ANNUAL National Wild Turkey Federation Sanctioned Banquet/Auction, Sat., Feb. 17, 2007 at the Grayling Eagles Club. Social hour: 5:30 pm, Dinner/Program: 6:30 pm. For more information call Dennis Ryan, (989) 348-8338 or Brian Brown, (989) 275-1426. (-1-8-15/8)

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FEBRUARY FAMILY FUN for all, AuSable Primary cafeteria and gym, Feb. 28, 6:30 - 8 pm. \$5 per child, \$15 per family. Fun, games, activities and bake sale. Project Graduation fundraiser. (-15/8)

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11. Automotive

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